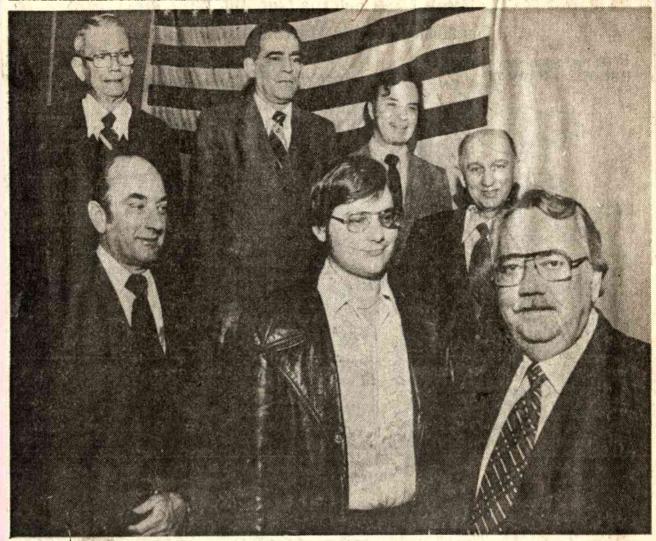
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CITY COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS — New officers of the Terre Haute City Council were elected Sunday by council members. From left are, front row, outgoing president Kenneth Thomas, newly elected vice president

Larry Kirchner and newly elected president Jack Neiderheiser. Second row, from left, are Ralph Garrett, Pete Chalos, Gene Trummel and Asa Malooley. (Star Photo: Kadel)

## Alsop must quit 7-17-85 sewage plant: Court

The legal spotlight is on city Councilman George Alsop, D-4th, after the Indiana Supreme Court decided Wednesday that city employees cannot serve on city councils. Alsop works at the city's sewage-treatment plant.

The Supreme Court decision grew out of a case involving an unsuccessful campaign by a Hammond policeman. It backs up a recent state Board of Accounts position that city employees cannot draw a second paycheck as councilmen, said Dan Foley, spokesman for Indiana Attorney General Linley E. Pearson.

Pearson told Mayor P. Pete Chalos he "had a definite problem" because of Alsop's situation, Foley said.

In the Hammond case, the high court said the policeman "would ... be sitting as a councilman, directing salaries and expenditures for himself and his fellow city policemen in the executive branch of government, a patent violation of the division of city powers statute and conflict of interest."

The court did not disqualify city

employees from running for city office.

"It is not unusual ... in our political processes that persons in one department, whether on a local or state level, run for offices in one of the other branches of government, well knowing they could not serve in both capacities but contemplating, on their election to the office sought, that they would resign from the one held ..." reads the decision written by Justice Alfred Pivarnik.

The decision directly affects 12 policemen and firefighters around Indiana who serve as city councilmen, and 30 to 50 other city employees who sit on their city councils, Foley said.

Local officials want a look at the 10-page decision to see how it affects Alsop's situation.

Alsop said he had heard about the decision, but was "up in the air" until he knew the details. He said he planned to consult with an attorney Wednesday.

"My only concern is to get this cleared up," said Alsop. He sought legal advice before running for the council and was told he could serve in both positions. Now state officials are changing the rules in midterm, he said.

The Supreme Court decision clears the way for legal action if a city employee refuses to give up one of the two jobs. The state Board of Accounts previously said that as of June 30, no city council member could be paid as a city employee.

Michael Claytor, deputy state examiner for the Board of Accounts, said the board had not met since the Supreme Court decision and he did not expect the ruling to change anything.

The 1985 audits of city departments will be released in 1986, Claytor said. If the audit shows double-dipping of salaries after June 30, the attorney general will be notified.

Pearson's office will then ask that the full-time salary be repaid, Foley said. If Alsop refused, Foley said the attorney general's office would file a civil lawsuit against him in Vigo County on behalf of the state Board of Accounts.

## City council seeks additional retirement home information

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Some members of the City Council Thursday night said they want more information on a proposed retirement village prior to acting on an ordinance to rezone property for the facility.

An ordinance to rezone the former Davis Gardens property on the city's south side was among three proposed ordinances discussed by the council at a public hearing Thursday.

The Presbyterian Housing Program has requested the city rezone the 60-acre site which is being considered as a location for a retirement complex called Westminister Village. In December, the council unanimously approved an ordinance to annex that property into the city limits.

Councilman Pete Chalos said he wanted the housing complex officials to submit a summary of the proposed project. He said he wanted the money portion of the project explained.

Council President Jack Neaderhiser said he would contact the developers' attorney and ask for a prospectus on the project.

Neaderhiser said he also would tell the developers the council wants to see any contract the complex may enter with the city for services provided by the city. City Attorney James Smock said the Board of Public Works and Safety would enter into any such contract, but the council would have to ratify such an agrreement before it becomes effective.

The housing project reportedly would be on a not-for-profit basis and would not pay property taxes; so it would establish a contract with the city for services such as fire and police protection.

In other business, the council discussed a proposed ordinance to transfer authority for the comprehensive zoning ordinance from the City Plan Commission to the Area Plan Commission.

When the council drew up this year's budget in August of 1978, the council voted to provide no funds for the city commission after 1978.

Also discussed Thursday was a proposed ordinance to erect "No Truck" signs on the 2900 block of Harding Ave.

The proposed ordinances are scheduled for action by the council when it meets next week. The council conducts hearings on proposed ordinances a week prior to voting on them.

Prior to the ordinance discussion, Neaderhiser announced assignments to four council committees.

Council members appointed to the Committee on Finance, Contracts, and Franchises are: Kenneth Thomas, chairman, Larry Kirchner, vice chairman, C. Eugene Trummel, Neaderhiser and Norma Spork.

Appointed to the Committee on Planning, Zoning, and Improvements are: William Jarvis, chairman, Miss Spork, vice chairman, A.C. Malooley, Thomas and Chalos.

Assigned to the Committee on Parks, Public Property and Governmental Affairs are: Chalos, chairman, Malooley, vice chairman, Neaderhiser, and Ralph Garrett.

The other committee assignments are for the Committee on Traffic, Safety, Special Health and Welfare. Members are: Trummel, chairman, Garrett, vice chairman, Jarvis and Kirchner.

An extra person is to be placed on the two committees with only four members.

### Council Okays Rezoning For Housing

By MIKE RUSSELL Star Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday night passed a special ordinance to rezone property at the former Davis Gardens site, making possible construction of a retirement village by the Presbyterian Housing Program.

Eight of the councils nine members were present for the regular session.

A.C. Malooley is in Florida on doctor's orders and was unable to attend.

The Presbyterian Housing Program had requested the council to rezone the 60-acre plot of land after the council in December had passed an ordinance to annex the site into city limits. Previously zoned for agriculture, the property now is zoned for multi-family dwellings, a zoning conducive to the construction of the proposed Westminster Village.

The council also passed two other ordinances. Special Ordinance No. 67, 1978, shifted the authority of the now-defunct City Plan Commission to the

Area Plan Commission. The third ordinance provides for the erection of "No Trucks" signs in the 2900 block of south Harding Avenue.

All the ordinances were passed unanimously.

Council members also considered eight items under new business.

Three appropriation ordinances were brought before the council: an ordinance to appropriate \$152,000 for the Park Department was assigned to the committee of the whole; an ordinance to appropriate \$40,578 for public works employment Title II was assigned to the finance committee, and an ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 from revenue sharing for tree removal also was assigned to the finance committee.

Two general ordinances were assigned to the traffic committee. One would amend the penalties for illegal and overtime parking, while a second would provide penalties for removal of barriers set by the Street Department for road repair and maintainence.

Three special ordinances also were

assigned to committee. An ordinance to rezone property at 1900 Margaret Ave. was assigned to the zoning committee; an ordinance to amend Special Ordinance No. 36, 1978 by adding additional rank and pay scheduled to the City Fire Department was assigned to the committee of the whole, and an ordinance to install automatic traffic lights at 17th and Hulman streets was assigned to the traffic committee.

Prior to consideration of old and new business, the council entertained comments from the audience. Several persons spoke on behalf of the Terre Haute Tennis Club as that group renewed its efforts to have the tennis courts and facilities at William S. Rea Park improved. The group appeared before the council in October to request funds for resurfacing of the courts and was told at the time to return in January.

City Park Superintendent Pat Dougherty told the board the money necessary for resurfacing the courts was not available. Dougherty explained he had asked the city controller if the money was available and had been told it was not.

Councilman William Jarvis responded it was time to "stop this darn foolishness" and start writing the ordinances and say how the money will be spent. Jarvis voiced the opinion that the council had too long listened to the mayor's office. This provoked Jack Neaderheiser to remark "as long as I'm president of this council in 1979, this (the council meetings) will not be a political arena".

The city attorney was asked by Councilman Pete Chalos to prepare an ordinance for the next session for the resurfacing and refurbishing of the tensis facilities.

Hyte Community Center also requested monies from the council. The center is asking the council to pay utilities and pay for repairs. As Councilman Larry Kirchner explained, the problem is money requested for the tennis courts, as well as Hyte Center, comes from revenue sharing, and the council does not yet know how much is available for various needs.

## Downtown parking discussed

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By BRYAN TAYLOR
Tribune Staff Writer

The topic of downtown parking surfaced Thursday night at a City Council hearing where two ordinances affecting use of parking meters were discussed.

The council, meeting in a "sunshine session," discussed a \$40,578 appropriation ordinance which included money for meter maids and a general ordinance to amend penalties for illegal and overtime parking.

In other business, the council considered a \$152,000 appropriation request for the Park and Recreation Department and a \$10,000 appropriation request for tree removal in connection with sidewalk projects.

Council member William Jarvis said the city should give deep consideration to getting rid of parking meters. Council member Pete Chalos said the revenue from meters has dropped to where they cannot pay for their opearation.

A suggestion was made by council member Larry Kirchner that the city remove the meters on a "trial basis" and institute "No Parking" at those meter sites between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

This would force downtown employees to park somewhere else when they come to work and open parking spots for shoppers, he said. Such a move also would allow street crews easier access for cleanup.

Council member Kenneth Thomas said the city might want to consider revamping the areas where meters are used.

No matter what approach the city takes concerning parking meters, no decision will work unless it is enforced, said council member C. Eugene Trummel.

Thursday's session was for discussion only and the measures are to come before the council for action next week.

Also discussed Thursday night was an appropriation ordinance for \$152,000 for the Park and Recreation Department. Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the department, said the ordinance was requesting money that was previously cut from the budget.

The money is to be used for various material and equipment needed in park operations, Dougherty said.

Another appropriation ordinance discussed Thursday night was one for \$10,000 from revenue sharing to be used in tree removal.

Fred Zwerner of the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment said his department needed the money to remove trees so sidewalk repair can be completed in certain areas. Roots of existing trees upheave some sidewalks and hamper repair, Zwerner explained.

Councilman Jarvis said he wanted a report on \$10,000 the council appropriated for tree removal last year.

Other proposed ordinances discussed Thursday called for:

•Providing penalties for removal of barriers set by the Street Department for road repair and maintenance. Assistant City Attorney William Teegarden said when the city engaged in a street resurfacing program last year some motorists removed barriers and traveled on the streets too soon and "undid a lot of the good that had been done."

• Rezoning property at 1900 Margaret Ave. to be used as a restau-

rant and lounge.

•Amending another ordinance to add extra rank and pay for emergency medical technicians working for the Fire Department. Kirchner said EMTs need 480 hours of extra schooling and need to take some of it on their own time. The raise would be for incentive to complete school so a proper job could be done, he added.

•Installing an automatic traffic light at the intersection of 17th and Hulman streets. Trummel said he talked to City Enginerer Jim Burdick who said his department has been unable to make a traffic study of the intersection because of the recent winter weather. Trummel suggested the proposal be held in committee until the study was complete.

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### Tennis Court Renovation Under Study

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

Terre Haute tennis buffs will be pleased to learn an ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 to resurface courts and add bleachers at Rea Park will be introduced at Thursday's city council meeting.

#### See ZONING BILL on P.1

Councilmen Jack Neaderhiser and Pete Chalos have signed the ordinance which will be introduced Thursday and acted on March 8. A public hearing to discuss the ordinance is to be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1.

The ordinance asks \$45,000 be used to resurface courts and the additional \$5,000 for fencing and bleachers. Representatives of the Terre Haute Tennis Association and other tennis enthusiasts addressed the council on the issue since last year. The money was appropriated, but could not be used in 1978 because cold weather stalled the project.

Three other major appropriation bills will be introduced Thursday. One ordinance requests \$115,000 be appropriated for the street department, a second ordinance asks \$100,000 for police squad cars and the third bill seeks \$39,000 for operating assistance funds at Hyte Center.

New city roads in the southside have prompted the council to take action on traffic control devices at four different intersections. Councilwoman Norma Spork has introduced bills requiring eastbound traffic on Hospital Road to stop before entering Seventh Street, requiring westbound traffic on Johnson Avenue to stop at U.S. 41, requiring northbound traffic on Hospital Road to stop at Davis Avenue, and requiring eastbound traffic on Johnson Avenue to stop at Hospital Road. The roads are in the vicinity of the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital and Honey Creek Township shopping district.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom.

## Parking ticket price hike voted

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council voted Thursday night to raise the cost of a parking ticket, and more changes in the downtown parking situation may be proposed at the council's meeting next month.

An ordinance to increase the initial cost of a parking ticket from one to three dollars was passed 6-1. Councilman Pete Chalos was the only person voting no. Council members Asa Malooley and William Jarvis both were absent.

Speaking in support of the parking ticket increase, council member C. Eugene Trummel said, "A one dollar fine is not any sort of deterrent for people parking all day."

That ordinance now will go to the office of Mayor William J. Brighton who voiced support for the bill.

However, Thursday's action does not appear to be the end of downtown parking discussions by the city council. Council member Larry Kirchner said he intends to introduce an ordinance next month that would discontinue use of the parking meters on three streets for a "trial period" of possibly three to six months.

In addition to the trial period for no meters. Kirchner said his proposal will call for "No Parking" to be established from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and for a two-hour limit at a parking site later in the day. He said his proposal will cover Ohio Street, Wabash Avenue and Cherry Street.

By having the "No Parking" period, downtown employees will be forced to park elsewhere and the sites then would be open for shoppers and for street cleaning, Kirchner said.

Another ordinance passed Thursday night also deals with downtown parking meters. It calls for \$40,578 from Public Works Employment Title II to pay salaries for meter maids. a collector and a maintenance techni-

Mayor Brighton told the council those were federal funds given to the city to be used for new employees or to keep persons working who otherwise might have to be laid off.

Chalos also voted against the appropriation measure for the meter maids. He pointed out a committee is to study the downtown parking situation and he said the council should wait until it receives recommendations from that committee prior to taking action on any parking meter ordinances.

Two other appropriation measures passed Thursday night received unanimous approval from collicil members who were present. The amounts were \$152,000 for equipment and materials in the park department and \$10,000 from revenue sharing for tree removal to be conducted by the Department of Redevelopment.

An ordinance to add extra rank and pay for Fire Department emergency medical technicians also received unanimous passage Thursday night as did an ordinance providing penalties for removal of barriers set by the Street Department for road repair.

A measure for rezoning of property at 1900 Margaret Ave. passed the council on a 6-0 vote. Kirchner said he abstained from voting because his realty firm was involved with the property which is considered for use as a restaurant, delicatessen and

In other action, the council voted to keep in committee an ordinance to install an automatic traffic light at 17th and Hulman streets. City Engineer Jim Burdick reported his department has been unable to conduct a traffic study of the area intersection because of the recent weather.

## Zoning Bill On Agenda

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

An ordinance to rezone property formerly occupied by Eastern Express, Inc., will be introduced Thursday night at the monthly meeting of the Terre Haute City Council.

#### See TENNIS COURT on P.3

According to Gene Trummel, sponsor of the bill, Patterson Equipment Company has proposed to buy the property to assemble, store and ship electric-powered treadmills. The treadmills are used for physical fitness.

Eastern Express declared bankruptcy about two years ago and the building at 1450 Wabash Ave., has been vacant since that time. The property is owned by Terre Haute First National Bank and Terre Haute Savings Bank.

Trummel's ordinance asks the property be zoned for light industrial use. The new business is expected to employ about 150 persons.

In other business Thursday, the council will consider an ordinance to increase the city's overtime parking fine to three dollars instead of one dollar. Violators would be given 72 hours to pay the fine before it is increased to five dollars. If the fine is not paid within a week after the ticket is issued, the owner of the vehicle will be summoned to city court.

The ordinance has not been well received by city councilmen who are of the consensus a higher parking fine — without enforcement — will not resolve parking problems downtown. In fact, merchants be-

lieve less persons would shop downtown if the fine is increased.

Councilmen Larry Kirchner and Pete Chalos have suggested two other parking proposals. Kirchner recommends parking meters be removed on a trial basis downtown. He is in favor of restricting parking downtown between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. to allow crews to clean the streets. Chalos wants the meters removed permanently and a two-hour parking limit enforced.

The city administration apparently intends to continue use of parking meters downtown for at least another year since an ordinance has been introduced to appropriate \$40,578 for meter maids, a meter man and collection clerk. Mayor William J.

Brighton said Wednesday his office will consult with the Terre Haute Civic Improvement, Inc., ad hoc parking committee before announcing his stand on the issue.

Approval of an ordinance giving trained emergency medical technicians on the city fire department a pay raise of \$500 to \$1,500 is expected Thursday night. The technicians take up to 480 hours training to meet state and federal standards.

The city park department has requested a \$152,000 appropriation for materials and equipment. Pat Dougherty, park superintendent, said funds to purchase the items were cut from his 1979 operating budget. The ordinance is expected to pass.

## Parking ticket issue up for action tonight

Provided the weather cooperates this week, a proposed ordinance which would raise for City Council the cost of a parking ticket is eligible action at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at City Hall.

The council is scheduled to meet in regular monthly session at that time. The meeting orginally was set for last week, but it was postponed because of a snow storm.

The ordinance would increase the cost of a parking ticket from \$1 to \$3. It also calls for that figure to increase to \$5 if not paid within 72 hours.

If such a ticket remains unpaid after one week, it would be the duty of the city clerk to issue a summons for the vehicle's owner to appear in court, according to the proposed ordinance.

A related ordinance to come before the council Thursday is an appropriation measure for \$40,578 to pay for meter maid salaries, a collector and a mechanic.

The parking situation generated various council opinions at a discussion meeting earlier this month.

The proposals included consideration of complete removal of the meters, removing the meters on a "trial basis," and revamping the areas where meters are used.

In a prepared statement released to news media, council member Pete Chalos called the parking ordinance a "smokescreen." He said the real purpose of the related ordinances was merely to justify and protect a few patronange jobs in the city administration. Chalos is a mayoral candidate in the upcoming primary.

Also on Thursday's agenda under old business are appropriation ordinances seeking: \$152,000 for equipment and materials in the park department; and \$10,000 from revenue sharing for tree removal to be conducted by the Department of Redevelopment.

Other ordinances eligible for action
Thursday night call for:

•Providing penalties for removal of barriers set by the street department for road repair and maintenance.

Rezoning property at 1900 Margaret Ave. to be used as a restaurant, delicatessen and lounge.

 Amending a salary ordinance to add extra rank and pay for Fire Department emergency medical technicians.

•Installing an automatic traffic light at 17th and Hulman streets.

Also on the council's agenda are various ordinances to be introduced for first reading under new business. They include four appropriation measures: \$115,221 for the street department; \$50,000 for the park department; \$39,000 for Hyte Center; and \$100,000 for the Police Department.

Four other ordinances calling for stop signs on new roads in the area of Towne South Plaza and the new hospital on the city's south side are to be introduced Thursday night.



Tribune Staff Writer It's now "full speed ahead" for implementation of the new punch card voting system for the May 8 city primary, following action of the Vigo County Council Wednesday approving

\$136,000 for the purpose.

Six members of the council had signed a letter of intent to allow \$62,850 from the county general fund (\$60,850 for the equipment and \$2,000 for service contracts) and to approve transfers of \$73,000 within the County Election Board's 1979 budget for the new system.

The formal action came at the end of the day's session, during which the council considered appropriation requests totaling more than \$937,000 and acted upon several transfers and re-

allocations.

Bids for the new voting system are to be opened Monday at 10 a.m.

A card reader to tabulate results, using the county's data processing equipment, is an integral part of the

new system.

Punch card voting has generated considerable discussion in recent weeks, with most of Monday night's "sunshine meeting" of the council devoted to that subject.

Council President Thomas A. Branam has opposed the new system, contending that local officials were proceeding too fast and that precinct committeemen of both parties were not involved in the decision.

The other six councilmen - L. E. Frazier, pro tem; Paul Newton, Gordon Geckeler, Jerry Hunter, Tommy John and Charles Fouty - all signed the letter of intent and voted unanimously for the enabling appropriations.

Branam did not attend the Wednesday called session. His absence was unexplained. Frazier conducted the

meeting.

Several departments which had submitted requests for salary increases in January brought up the subject again

Some were granted; some were not. The council allowed \$125 raises for group leaders at H. Ralph Johnston Youth Community: established a \$500 pay differential between sheriff's deputies and officers; and approved the welfare department's merit raises (totaling \$31,468) by a 5-1 vote.

The sheriff's deputies had asked a 10 percent increase for all members of the department. Geckeler proposed longevity pay of \$300 for five years service and \$500 for seven years service. However, it was the \$500 differential for the officers which the council approved

The council again knocked out raises for employees of Vigo Superior Court, the Deferred Prosecution Division and the Juvenile Division.

Approved from the general fund were \$1,410 personal services for the prosecutor's IV-D program; \$5,200 for the department of weights and measures for a volumetric prover and conference expense; \$7,000 for air pollution control (\$1,000 was cut); \$1,174 for office supplies and equipment repair for the Juvenile Division; and \$280 for the jail for a part-time cook.

Federal revenue sharing appropriations totaled \$516,475 and included \$10,475 for McMillan Adult Day Care Center; \$16,000 for repair of front entrance to the County Home: \$60,000 for single hands, county highway; \$310,000 for bituminous materials, highway; \$120,000 for snow plows

and road grader.

A \$25,000 request for emergency boiler repair was deferred, pending investigation into the terms of the installation several years ago

From the advertised council call, the council approved \$18,000 from the cumulative bridge fund; \$130,000 from the park and recreation department's non-reverting capital fund, \$11,794.18 from the property tax reassessment fund; and \$25,254 from the public works employment act fund

In other action, the council approved the reallocation of \$116,000 instead of \$150,000 within the Glenn Home's 1979 budget to enable the welfare department to proceed with plans to purchase two group homes to replace Glenn Home. Target date is July 1, with plans to close down the children's institution at that time.

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## City Council to conduct hearing

An ordinance authorizing the sale of \$12 million worth of revenue bonds to help finance a retirement village complex on the city's south side is to be considered at 7:30 p.m. Monday at a special meeting of the City Council.

The revenue bonds are being sought for the purpose of making a loan to Presbyterian Housing Program, Inc., to construct Westminister Village, a proposed retirement complex to be located on the former Davis Gardens property. In January, the council unanimously passed an ordinance to rezone the 60-acre former Davis Gardens property for the proposed retirement village. The property was annexed into the city in December.

The council will conduct a public hearing on the bond ordinance at 7:30 p.m. and take action on the measure at 8:30 p.m., according to an agenda posted at the city clerk's office.

Four other ordinances will be discussed at the 7:30 p.m. hearing, but

final action is not scheduled for them until 7:30 p.m. March 26.

Three of the other ordinances are measures seeking money from federal revenue sharing funds. They had been scheduled for action on March 8, but they were held in committee because a public hearing had not been conducted.

Council President Jack Neaderhiser said final action cannot be taken on appropriations out of federal revenue sharing until a public hearing has been conducted. The ordinances seek: \$50,000 for the Park Department to use in resurfacing the Rea Park tennis courts and installing bleachers there; \$39,000 for operation and maintenance of the Hyte Center building; and \$100,000 for new police cars.

Also to be discussed at Monday's hearing is a measure dealing with taxi cab stands in congested districts.

At their last meeting, council members said they wanted more information about the local taxi ordinance prior to taking action on the stands.

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Housing revenue bonds OK'd

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council voted 7-1 Monday night to authorize Issuance of \$12 million worth of revenue bonds for construction of a retirement complex by the Presbyterian Housing Program.

Meeting in special session, the council approved the bond issuance for a 257-unit retirement village accompanied by an 80-bed health care facility. The project, called Westminister Village, is to be located on a 60-acre site which used to house Davis Gardens on the city's southside.

In other business, Council President Jack Neaderhiser announced discussion on three scheduled appropriation ordinances will have to be delayed until April 5 because an error was made in advertising the hearing in which they were to be discussed.

Prior to the vote on the bond issue, the council heard from Fred Bauer, an attorney representing the housing program, and from David A. Robinson, director of financial development for the group.

Some councilmen asked what arrangements had been made to pay the city for police and fire protection services. The housing program is a non-profit group and has a tax exempt status.

Once the facility is built, the com-

plex will pay an amount equivalent to the civil city tax rate applied against the assessed valuation of the property, Bauer said. Presbyterian Housing has made similar arrangements in other cities, he added.

William Jarvis, the council member voting against the bond approval. asked what assurances the city had that payment would be made for such services.

Bauer answered, "Other then their word, none." Letters of intent for such payment have been written by the group, the attorney added.

Councilman Pete Chalos pointed out the city already has annexed the property and has to provide police and fire protection.

The retirement village will mean 150 jobs with an annual payroll of between \$750,000 and \$990,000, according to Bauer.

The three appropriation measures on which discussion was delayed are for federal revenue sharing funds. They seek: \$50,000 for resurfacing of the Rea Park tennis courts; \$39,000 for operational costs of the Hyte Center building; and \$100,000 for new police cars.

Those ordinances were scheduled for discussion Monday and final action on March 26. However, they now are to be discussed at a public hearing on April 5, and considered for final action on April 12, Neaderhiser

The reason for the delay is Monday's hearing was not advertised to meet state requirements, according to a spokesman from the city clerk's office.

To meet state requirements, the federal revenue sharing ordinances must be published in legal advertisements twice in two separate newspapers at least 10 days prior to a vote on the matter, the spokesman said.

The ordinances had been advertised only once in two separate papers, the spokesman said. That met federal requirements, but not the state rules, the spokesman added.

The clerk's office reportedly was made aware of the state requirement Monday' afternoon by a field representative of the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Monday night was the second time the three appropriation measures were delayed in council business. On March 8, the council had to postpone action on the bills because no public hearing had been conducted on them and such a hearing is required for federal revenue sharing requests.

Also discussed Monday was an ordinance allowing taxi stands on Wabash Avenue. It will be discussed again on April 5, Neaderhiser said.

No council session will be conducted on March 26 because no business now exists on which to act.

### Sunshine meeting set

Appropriation ordinances seeking money from federal revenue sharing funds are to be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when the City Council meets for a "sunshine meeting."

On the agenda for Thursday night

are the following measures:

•An ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 for tennis courts, bleachers and repairs at Rea Park.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$39,000 for operating costs at Hyte Center.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$100,000 for new police cars.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$11,000 for Highland Lawn Cemetery.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$115,221 for street department equipment and materials.

The first three of those measures were delayed from earlier council sessions because no public hearings had been conducted on them and proper legal notice had not been given about when they were to be discussed.

The street department money was approved by the council in March, but it has to be re-approved because the State Board of Tax Commissionsers would not approve the appropriation because proper notice was not given, according to a city clerk's office spokesman.

Thursday's session is for discussion of measures which are scheduled for action when the council meets in regular monthly session on April 12. The public is permitted to attend both sessions.

Other items scheduled for discussion Thursday night, according to reports, are two rezoning ordinances and a mesure to erect a traffic signal at 17th and Hulman streets.

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## Council members told city lacks revenue sharing funds

Four appropriation ordinances seeking \$200,000 from federal revenue sharing funds are facing the City Council, but the city only has \$177,000 left in federal revenue sharing for the rest of the year, according to a report made Thursday night at a council hearing.

The appropriation measures seek: \$50,000 for resurfacing of the Rea Park tennis courts; \$39,000 for operational costs of the Hyte Center building; \$100,0000 for new police cars; and \$11,000 for Highland Lawn Ceme-

tery.

When the council was discussing the tennis court appropriation, City Controller Joan Hetherington reported that not enough money was available for all four appropriations as submitted.

No final action was taken on the ordinances Thursday night. The meeting was for discussion and the measures are scheduled for action by the council next Thursday.

However some discussion dealt with how the council could handle the situation.

Councilman Pete Chalos said the tennis court measure may have to be amended to provide only \$27,000. That

would bring the total of the four requests down to the \$177,000 limit.

Councilman William Jarvis suggested that in the event not enough money exists to fully support the ordinances, the funds may be divided between each ordinance.

During the discussion, Councilman C. Eugene Trummel said he would like to see an accounting for this year's revenue sharing money. "I have my doubts we know where we stand on it," he said.

A request was made by Council President Jack Neaderhiser that at

next week's council meeting, Hetherington provide a copy of where revenue sharing funds are being spent. She said she would be very happy to do so.

Not all blame should be put on the city administration for the council's not knowing where the revenue sharing money is being spent, said Councilman Larry Kirchner. It is "our fault" for not asking those types of questions, he said.

Also discussed at Thursday's hearing were rezoning ordinances affecting property at 4332 N. 17th St. and at 3400 Wabash Ave.

### Revenue Sharing Funds Depleted, Council Learns

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

You can't spend more than you have city coun-

cilmen learned Thursday night.

Councilmen met Thursday night to consider \$200,000 worth of federal revenue sharing appropriation ordinances, but found there's only \$177,000 left in the federal revenue sharing till, according to City Controller Joan Hetherington.

The problem now confronting the nine-member body is to determine which appropriation ordinance will be reduced to stay within spending limitations. There are requests for \$100,000 for police patrol cars, \$39,000 for utilities at the Charles T. Hyte Center, \$11,000 for Highland Lawn Cemetery and \$50,000 for tennis court improvements at Rea Park.

Barring unforseen circumstances, councilmen probably will pare \$23,000 from the tennis court project, despite a strong plea by the Terre Haute Tennis Club for the total \$50,000 package.

Sue Clokey, spokesman for the local tennis organization, informed councilmen it has been at least 10 years since any major improvements were undertaken at Rea Park tennis courts.

Clokey said the city provides neither maintenance nor upkeep for Rea Park tennis courts, remarking, "Everything that is done is done by members of the club and we don't think it is out of line to ask for this appropriation."

Dwane Bruley, former varsity tennis coach at three major colleges and now a vice president with Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, commented on the condition of tennis courts in Terre Haute.

"We are not just talking about beautification of the tennis court area; the courts are hazardous and something needs to be done before someone gets hurt," Bruley advised.

Pete Chalos, who co-sponsored the ordinance

with Jack Neaderhiser, said immediate improvements are needed with the tennis courts, but because of limited funds it appears the ordinance will have to be amended.

"I really would like to appropriate \$50,000, but if we can't then we should give them as much as we can. I guess \$27,000 is better than nothing," Chalos said.

Not all discussion Thursday night was about tennis courts. Citizens living near 34th Street and Wabash Avenue are opposed to an ordinance to rezone property there formerly occupied by a Texaco service station. Owners of the property want to zone it for limited community commerce and residents are against it.

"I'd rather see an empty building there than to have riffraff in there," argued one resident. "We need strong vital neighborhoods and to allow something in there like a tavern would threaten the health of the neighborhood and would begin changing its character," said another person opposed to the ordinance.

Fred Bauer, attorney representing the property owner, said the property owner does not intend to locate a tavern there or anything that would hinder the character of the neighborhood. He said his client would prefer locating a professional office or a similar business at the site.

Councilmen also discussed a bill to rezone property at 4332 N. 17th St. The property owner, Dr. Gary Weber, a dentist, has placed a mobile home at the site which the building inspector's office has determined is in violation of a city zoning law. Weber, before he fastened the mobile home to a permanent foundation, was told it was okay to locate the structure there, according to his attorney, Eric Bauer.

### City Council expected to act on requests

The City Council is to take action Thursday night on four federal revenue sharing appropriation requests, but apparently not enough money exists to meet all those measures.

Four appropriation ordinances totaling \$200,000 from federal revenue sharing are scheduled to face the council, but only \$177,000 is left in federal revenue sharing funds for the year, according to figures announced last week by City Controller Joan Hetherington.

The council is scheduled to meet in regular monthly session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

The federal revenue sharing appropriation ordinances seek \$50,000 for resurfacing the Rea Park tennis courts and for installing bleachers there; \$39,000 for operational costs of the Hyte Center building; \$100,000 for new police cars; and \$11,000 for crypts, mowers and tents at Highland Lawn Cemetery.

When the council discussed those measures last week at a public hearing, Hetherington informed the council that not enough federal revenue sharing money existed this year to meet the total request.

After some discussion, Council President Jack Neaderhiser asked Hetherington to prepare a rundown for this week's meeting of where revenue sharing funds are being spent by the city

Another appropriation ordinance facing the council will seek \$115,221 for street department equipment.

The council approved that appropriation in March, but it was not approved by the State Board of Tax Commissioners because of an advertising error, according to reports. So the measure must begin the legislative process again.

The money is to be used to purchase two small rollers for chuckhole repair, an air compressor for a sign project, and two trucks. Part of the money is to be used for street repair.

Also on the council agenda for Thursday are the following measures

- An ordinance to install a traffic signal at 17th and Hulman streets.
- •An ordinance to rezone property at 4332 N. 17th St. for mobile home use.
- •An ordinance to rezone property at 3400 Wabash Ave. for limited community commerce use.

Among the new business scheduled to be introduced Thursday is an ordinance to restrict early morning parking on some downtown streets.

## Approval of four appropriation measures drains revenue funds

#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Four appropriation ordinances passed by the City Council Thursday night used all of the city's uncommitted federal revenue sharing funds for 1979, according to figures announced at the regular monthly council session.

The ordinances, all requesting money from federal revenue sharing funds, are \$39,000 for operation and maintenance costs on the Hyte Center building. \$100,000 for new police cars: \$11,000 for Highland Lawn Cemetery: and \$34,378 for resurfacing of Rea Park tennis courts.

Originally, the tennis court appropriation sought \$50,000 for resurfacing, fencing and bleachers. However, that measure was amended to \$34.373 because reports indicated not enough uncommitted revenue sharing money was left to meet all four ordinances.

Councilman Larry Kirchner said the council was informed by City Controller Joan Hetherington that \$184.373 remained uncommitted for 1979 federal revenue sharing funds.

The four ordinances totalled \$200,000 as submitted, so the council approved an amended tennis court ordinance dropping the orginal request to \$34,373

The four federal revenue sharing ordinances were approved unanimously

Another appropriation measure was unanimously passed for \$115,221 from a special distribution of the Motor Vehicle Highway fund. It is to purchase Street Department equipment. The council approved this

measure earlier in the year, but had to re-approve it Thursday because of an advertising error

Not all ordinances acted on Thursday received the council's blessing.

A measure to install an automatic signal at 17th and Hulman streets was defeated by a 3-6 vote. A few councilman voting against the bill said they did not want to install a light there when law enforcement officers could be enforcing an ordinance concerning improperly parked cars at that site.

Another measure that was not approved Thursday was a rezoning ordinance for 3400 Wabash Ave. The council voted to strike that measure from the record with a vote of 8-1.

The property in question, a former service station, currently is zoned as residential and the owner requested a designation which would allow pro-

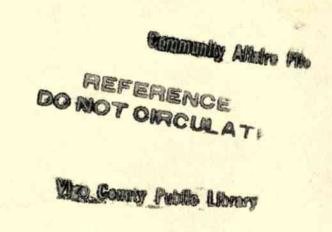
fessional offices and some small businesses.

Fred Bauer, attorney for the owner, asked the council to table the ordinance until the owner found a buyer for the property. No use for the property was designated in the rezoning request.

Several residents of the neighborhood surrounding the property attended Thursday's session and voiced opposition to a limited community commerce designation.

Another rezoning ordinance affecting property at 4332 N. 17th St. was held in committee by the council Thursday.

In other action, the council passed an ordinance to allow taxi stands on Wabash Avenue. The measure amended an older ordinance which prohibited taxi stands on Wabash Avenue.



### Council studies honors for Bird, Tucker

In addition to taking action on various ordinances Thursday night, the City Council discussed honoring Larry Bird and the late Ralph Tucker by naming some city property after each of them.

The discussion started when a letter was read from the Board of Public Works and Safety informing the council the city received a petition with more than 300 names seeking to rename Cherry Street to "Larry Bird Avenue" in honor of the Indiana State University basketball sensation.

Council President Jack Neaderhiser said Cherry Street is considered a state highway and the city council had no jurisdiction to make such a name change. He said the petition should be sent to the State Highway Commission.

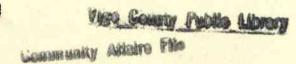
Councilman Pete Chalos suggested that Mulberry Street between Seventh and Eight streets be renamed in honor of Bird so the city would not have to wait for the state officials to make a decision on Cherry Street. No final action was taken; the matter only was discussed.

Chalos also suggested the city name something in honor of the late Ralph Tucker who was mayor of Terre Haute for 20 years.

Neaderhiser then appointed a committee with Councilman Asa Malooley as chairman to consider naming some local property in honor of Tucker

The council president said the committee could meet after the primary election in May to discuss the Tucker honor.

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## Council Delays Parking Plans

#### By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

City councilmen said Thursday night they will wait at least another month before taking action to resolve the parking situation in the downtown business district.

#### See City Council On P.2

President Jack Neaderhiser announced at Thursday night's "sunshine meeting" the council would delay action on an ordinance to restrict parking on certain downtown streets between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Neaderhiser said downtown businessmen wanting to speak on the proposed ordinance were unable to attend the Thursday public hearing because of Strassenfest activities.

Councilman Larry Kirchner introduced the ordinance because it would give city crews an opportunity to sweep downtown streets and would help eliminate the problem of downtown employees parking in choice parking spaces. Kirchner said he wanted "input" from the public before the council took final action on the bill and admitted he's willing to amend the ordinance to best serve the public.

A businessman in Terre Haute since 1928, Art Compton, approached the council and requested city officials grant him a loading zone in front of his cleaning business at 10 N. Fifth St. Compton said he's been unable to get a loading zone which he

claims is important to his business.

City Attorney James F. Smock told Compton the city engineer's office is in the process of a study to determine guidelines for granting loading zones in the city. Smock said the city has received complaints that too many loading zones were granted, thus reducing parking spaces for shoppers. He said the Board of Public Works, which denies or approves requests for loading zones, intends to grant no requests until the engineering study is completed.

Councilmen agreed it was an "emergency" situation in Compton's case and recommended the Board of Public Works grant Compton's loading zone request.

City Engineer James Burdick said a \$150,029 request for the motor vehicle highway department is to release funds appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly for emergency road repairs. He said \$124,029 will be used for resurfacing, \$16,000 for three pickup trucks, and \$10,000 for signs and street striping costs.

Burdick also mentioned the city has submitted a preliminary report on construction of an overpass at Third and Tippecanoe streets at the Conrail railroad crossing. He said it is hoped an engineering design for the project will be completed by the end of this year and estimated actual construction would start no sooner than late 1980.

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#### Councilman, Police Chief Say City Police Radio Operators' Pay Low

A proposal to increase the salary of civilian radio operators working for the Terre Haute Police Department was considered Thursday night by the city council.

#### See City Council On P.1

Councilman Bill Jarvis is sponsor of an ordinance to raise the pay of police radio operators after six months experience. Jarvis asks that operators be paid an additional \$1,500 after six months on the job, raising the annual salary to \$9,497.

"If you've ever observed these police radio operators, then you would know they are in the skilled labor class. We could lose these fellows pretty easy because of the low salaries. The job is worth the money and they should be paid even more than they're asking," Jarvis said.

Terre Haute Police Chief James Swift told councilmen the city's police radio operators are the lowest paid operators in any Indiana second class city.

"The raise is long over due for these men who are charged with a great deal of responsibility," noted Swift. He said the operators take more than 80 emergency calls a day and more than 30,700 in a year.

In other business, the council agreed to hold in committee an ordinance to establish new fire zones in the city and a bill to rezone property for residential use at 4215 N 15th St. Since there was no one in attendance to explain the two pieces of legislation, the council recommended the bills be tabled until the June meeting.

Other business discussed Thursday included

- Richard Shagley, attorney for the petitioner, explained a rezoning request for property at 1433 Lafayette Ave. Shagley said the property is to be sold to an insurance salesman for professional office use.
- Eric Bauer, attorney for the petitioner, explained a request to amend an ordinance for rezoning of a mebile home at 4332 N. 17th St.
- N. George Nasser, attorney for the petitioner, appeared on behalf of a request to rezone property at 501 N.
   13th St. The property is to be the site of a used car lot.

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### Street Resurfacing On Council Agenda

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

Money to resurface local streets will be the principle point of discussion at a Thursday night meeting of the Terre Haute City Council.

The meeting is to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

Earlier this year, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation freeing state funds for emergency road repairs. City councilmen must pass an ordinance to release the \$150,029 from the motor vehicle highway special distribution fund.

According to Jim Burdick, city engineer, most of the money is to be used for asphalt resurfacing, although smaller portions of the funds will be used to purchase two pickup trucks and street signs.

Three rezoning ordinances are to be considered Thursday by the council. One ordinance calls for rezoning property at 4332 N. 17th St., for conditional use of a mobile home. A companion ordinance to be introduced Thursday night would eliminate the annual renewal of a conditional use permit. Under existing laws, persons each year must apply and are charged for conditional use permits.

Other rezoning bills to be voted on include property at 501 N. 13th St., to be used as a used car business, and at 1433 Lafayette Ave., to be used as an

insurance office.

Councilmen are expected to pass legislation establishing rank and a pay hike for senior radio operators for the Terre Haute Police Department. After six months experience as a civilian radio operator, the employee will be promoted to the status of senior radio operator and paid an additional \$1,500 per year. Radio operators with six months experience would be paid an annual salary of \$9,497.

There will be no action taken on a bill to restrict parking in certain downtown areas from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Councilmen have delayed action on the bill to allow input from downtown businessmen and citizens. The ordinance is to be placed on the June council agenda and a public hearing to discuss the ordinance is scheduled for June 7.

Among items to be introduced on first reading Thursday night is an ordinance sponsored by City Councilman Pete Chalos to provide exclusive use of parking spaces for physically handicapped persons.

The Chalos ordinance would allow handicapped persons to apply for a parking permit for parking spaces adjacent to the person's residence and place of employment, where applicable. Persons with off-street parking available to them would not qualify for the parking permit, unless the Terre Haute Board of Public Works determines off-street parking is burdensome to the individual. Permits would be issued annually and a permit with an identification number would be placed on the person's automobile. A parking sign would be erected and a parking space painted for identification.

Other ordinances under new business include.

- An ordinance to rezone property at 2200 S. Eighth St., for commercial use
- An ordinance to rezone property at 421 S. Fruitridge Ave., for professional office use.
- An ordinance to rezone property at 1108 S. Sixth St., for general residential use.
- A resolution to name new streets
   Johnson Avenue and Hospital Road.
   The streets are located near new
   Terre Haute Regional Hospital.

## Discussion, action postponed on downtown parking proposal

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council Thursday night postponed until June any discussion or action on a proposed ordinance to restrict downtown parking.

The ordinance was scheduled for discussion at the council's "sunshine meeting," but it was delayed because downtown businessmen were involved with Strassenfest (a street fesitival) and could not attend the council meeting, said Council President Jack Neaderhiser.

Ordinances which did receive discussion Thursday included one seeking \$150,029 for the Street Department and another requesting a pay raise for civilian Police Department radio operators.

The proposed ordinance affecting downtown motorists designated the following boundaries for restricted parking: Ninth Street on the east, Cherry Street on the north, Third Street on the west and Poplar Street on the south. Under the proposed ordinance, streets in those boundaries would be made "No Parking" areas between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The ordinance is to be discussed the first Thursday in June, the council's

"sunshine meeting" for that month, Neaderhiser said.

In other business, City Engineer Jim Burdick explained how the \$150,029 Street Department appropriation would be spent. That money is coming from a special Motor Vehicle Highway Fund distribution approved by the state legislature.

Burdick reported the breakdown of the money would be: \$124,029 for road resurfacing materials; \$10,000 for street marking paint and for signs that have been knocked down; and \$16,000 for three pickup trucks.

On questioning from Councilman C. Eugene Trummel, Burdick reported the design phase for a Third Street overpass could begin late this year with construction beginning in the fall of 1980. Those dates would be subject to all project work going as planned, he said.

Also discussed Thursday was an ordinance which would set the salary for civilian police radio operators at \$9,497 a year, according to Police Chief James Swift. That salary currently is \$7,997, he said.

Radio operators are responsible for receiving emergency calls at the Police Department and dispatching cars

to the scene of an incident. Last year, the opeartors handled 30,799 calls, Swift reported.

Councilman William Jarvis said he has observed the operators on several occasions and they do a good job and the city could lose them if the salary remains too low.

In other action Thursday:

•The council voted to hold in committee for further discussion a rezoning ordinance for 4215 N.·15th St. and an ordinance providing for establishment of fire district zones. No one representing either measure was present to explain them.

•Attorney Rick Shagley reported a rezoning ordinance for 1433 Lafayette Ave. is being sought to turn a residence into two sales offices.

•Neaderhiser said a rezoning measure for 501 N. 13th St. seeks a zoning change to allow a used car lot on property that once housed a tavern.

•The council voted to have a \$5,700 appropriation ordinance for the City Clerk's Office stricken from the record at its meeting next week. The vote was made at the request of the clerk's chief deputy. The money was being sought from federal revenue sharing funds

#### City councilmen argue procedure

City councilmen conducted their May meeting to the tune of music until City Clerk Nick Peters finally quieted the noise by fiddling with the microphone system. The system, never too good, carried CBers at the previous meeting.

Having completed primary election races two days previously, councilmen raced through a brief agenda. Two members, Asa Malooley and Ralph Garrett, lost their primary bids, but were present nevertheless. Republican Gene Trummel, who did not seek reelection, was absent, along with Jack Neaderhiser, who won his Democratic

primary campaign.

Most interest had been expected to center on a bill providing a downtown parking ban but it was left off the council agenda. The bill, destined to keep downtown employees from occupying parking places and to permit street cleaning, had been introduced in April and referred to committee. During the May 1 sunshine session of the council a downtown festival kept interested citizens occupied, and they were not able to be present for discussion of the ordinance.

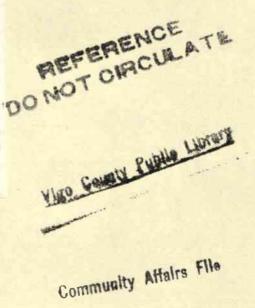
City attorney James Smock responded to questions about the omission of the ordinance by saying the council could leave a bill in committee as long as it wished by simply failing to call it out of committee. However, Smock and other councilment agreed that Neaderhiser's decision at the sunshine session to leave the bill in committee was not permissable, because a sunshine meeting is not regularly scheduled and action cannot be taken.

Councilman Bill Jarvis later said, "The

attorney doesn't know the law or take the time to look up the law or the rules. Neither he nor the past council president nor the vice president knows what they are talking about. After a bill goes before the council on first reading, it must be on the agenda at the next meeting. I knew that, but there isn't any point in arguing about it. We should have voted to leave the ordinance in committee or tabled it, so we could take it up next month."

Rules of the Common Council state that committees shall return ordinances at the next regular meeting, although time extensions may be approved by voting.

At the suggestion of Pete Chalos, councilman and Democratic nominee for mayor in the fall, a public hearing on the parking bill is tentatively scheduled for June 5.



## Street repair funds approved

Money for repair of local streets was approved by the City Council when it met in regular monthly session Thursday night at City Hall.

The council approved an ordinance appropriating \$150,029 for road resurfacing materials (\$124,029), street marking paint and signs knocked down (\$10,000) and three pickup trucks (\$16,000).

The road money is coming from a special Motor Vehicle Highway Fund distribution approved by the state legislature. City Engineer Jim Burdick described the funds as "a one-shot deal" approved because of the road damage caused by the past winter.

The ordinance received unanimous council approval as did four other ordinances passed Thursday night. Also passed were three rezoning oradinances and a measure granting a pay raise to civilian police radio operators.

The pay hike for the Police

Department's radio operators will place their salary at \$9,497 a year after six months on the job. They had been making \$7,997.

No source of funding for the salary increase was indicated in the ordinance, but Councilman William Jarvis, sponsor of the measure, was appointed to find where the money would come from.

Councilman Kenneth Thomas said the council probably will have to pass an appropriation ordinance to meet the salary increase.

"It takes a great deal of training and a pretty cool head along with the training to handle the job as it should be." Jarvis said. The operators could demand better pay in other fields, but they might have to leave Terre Haute, he added in support of the ordinance

Also receiving the good graces of the council Thursday night were ordinances to rezone property at 4332 N. 17th St., 501 N. 13th St. and 1433

Lafayette Ave.

Operations planned at those addresses are: a mobile home at 4332 N. 17th St.; sales offices in what is now a residence at 1433 Lafayette Ave.; and a used car lot on property that used to house a tavern at 501 N. 13th

In other Thursday business:

 Thomas was appointed to draft a letter from the council in opposition of proposed plans to eliminate railroad passenger service in central Indiana.

•The council adopted a resolution to name two new southside streets as Johnson Avenue and Hospital Road. Johnson Avenue is located between Riverside Plaza and Towne South Plaza, and Hospital Road runs past the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital to Davis Avenue.

•Four rezoning ordinances were entered on first reading as was a measure providing parking privileges for physically handicapped persons.

## Dawntown parking on council agenda

#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Discussion of restricted parking in the downtown area is on the agenda again this month at the City Council's "sunshine meeting" scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall courtroom.

An ordinance calling for a "No Parking" designation on some downtown streets between 7 and 9 a.m. is one proposal to be discussed at the meeting.

Final action on ordinances dis-

cussed this Thursday is to take place next Thursday at the regular monthly meeting. The sunshine sessions are for public discussion.

The boundaries proposed for the restricted parking are: Ninth Street on the east, Cherry Street on the north, Third Street on the west and Poplar Street on the south. Streets in that area also would be designated as tow-in zones for parking during the two-hour restriction, according to the ordinance.

The measure has been introduced by Councilman Larry Kirchner, who said earlier that a dust pollution problem exists in the downtown area and the streets could be cleaned in the morning during the restricted parking period.

Another reason earlier voiced by Kirchner for the restricted parking

was that it would open up parking spaces for downtown shoppers.

Restricted parking has been a council topic since February when Kirchner suggested the morning "No Parking" period. He introduced the measure in April and a scheduled May discussion was delayed until June so downtown businessmen could attend the session. Some businesses were involved with a downtown festival during the council's May meeting.

Kirchner has repeatedly asked for public comment on the ordinance and he pointed out the measure could be amended prior to the council taking any final action on it.

Opposition to the restricted parking has been voiced by some downtown employees who have contended not enough adequate parking would

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be available to downtown employees if street parking was restricted.

A petition opposing downtown parking restrictions was presented to the council in April. About 100 names were on that petition, according to reports.

The TRIBUNE contacted Steve Owens, president of the Downtown Businessmen's Association, for his reaction to the proposal, but he declined to comment.

Another parking ordinance to be discussed Thursday would provide reserved parking spaces for physically handicapped persons.

The ordinance would empower the Board of Public Works and Safety to grant physically handicapped persons exclusive use of a parking space next to their residences and places of employment if no off-street parking is available.

Persons parking in a handicapped reserved space without the proper permit would be subject to traffic penalties, the ordinance stated.

Other ordinances on Thursday's agenda call for:

 Establishment of fire district zones in the city. This measure was held in committee from a meeting last month.

 Rezoning of 4215 N. 15th St. to a general residential classification for a three-family structure.

•Rezoning of 2200 S. Eighth Street to a neighborhood commerce rating for use as a business office. The rezoning petition reportedly does not state what type of business offices.

•Rezoning of 421 S. Fruitridge Ave. for apartments. The property currently is zoned for single family use.

## City councilmen disturbed Over input to parking plan Over input to parking plan

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Some city councilmen expressed dissatisfaction Thursday night that they have received very little response to a proposed ordinance to restrict parking on downtown streets between 7. a.m. and 9 a.m.

Only three people addressed the council about the restricted parking, ordinance during a discussion which lasted about 45 minutes at the council's "sunshine meeting."

"I am beginning to wonder if the people are not very apathetic about what's happening to their downOther council business included the discussion of the pros and cons of rezoning for an apartment complex on South Fruitridge; story, page 3.

town," said Councilman - Larry Kirchner, sponsor of the ordinance.

Ever since he introduced the measure in April, Kirchner has repeatedly asked the public for comments and suggestions on the ordinance. He proposed the bill to open parking spaces for shoppers and to clear streets for morning cleaning work.

The measure was up for discussion last month and it was held in commit-

tee because some downtown businessmen wanted to consider a plan, Kirchner said. He added that he has not heard from any of them.

One downtown employee did address the council Thursday and she opposed the proposed restriction.

Marianne Mack, an employee of Volt Information Sciences, 22 N. Fifth St., told the council that women should not have to walk three or four blocks because the streets are not safe. "I don't want the next puddle of blood on Fifth Street to be mine." she said.

Saying that much of the downtown business comes from downtown employees. Mack suggested moving the restriction time to between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and possibly selling parking stickers to the public.

Kirchner said the reason the only downtown shoppers are employees is because of the meters and the stickers probably would be illegal.

"I think the employees should give preference to the customers that patronize the places they work because this is their livelihood," said Council President Jack Neaderhiser.

Another person speaking on the ordinance was Elizabeth Brock, 522 S. Center St. She suggested angle parking to help the downtown parking situation.

Kirchner expressed appreciation for Brock's suggestion and reiterated that the ordinance is a "vehicle bill to wake up" the citizens to the problems of downtown. He said he presented the ordinance to get some alternatives, but none have been presented so far.

"Instead of everybody complaining and telling us what a lousy job we're doing downtown, why are not people coming up a with a better solution?" Kirchner asked.

Kirchner told Mack to put together a committee and contact him prior to the next council meeting on June 14. He said he would be willing to hold the bill in committee if any other solutions are proposed, but if he does not receive any comment he wants it put to a vote.

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OPPOSES RESTRICTED PARKING -- Marianne Mack, a downtown employee, was one of of the few people attending Thursday's City Council meeting to discuss a proposeed ordinance to resrict parking on downtown streets. She stood before the council for about 30 minutes during the discussion which lasted about 45 minutes. She said she had a petition with about 100 names opposing the proposed measure.

SPONSOR RESPONDS -- Councilman Larry Kirchner, sponsor of a bill to restrict downtowr parking, explains why he introduced the ordinance. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the low turnout for discussion of the measure. Only three people addressed the council on the matter and only about 25 were in attendance for the Thursday discussion session conducted in City Hall.

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## Chemical plant property rezoned by City Council

By BRYAN TAYLOR
Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance changing the zoning designation of property commonly known as Vego Chemical, 1617 Idaho St., was passed unanimously by the City Council when it met in regular monthly session Thursday night.

The measure repealed an industrial classification approved at the

chemical plant site in 1975.

Reports indicate the property will

revert to the zoning it had prior to 1975 and that was residential use, according to minutes of a 1975 City Plan Commisssion.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the council approved the concept of using economic development bonds for financing of expansion at MAB Paints and it passed a resolution requesting a Terre Haute field hearing on a proposed local water rate hike.

The discussion on the change in the

Vego Chemical property zoning lasted less than 10 minutes.

Many persons from around the area of the involved property have been to recent council meetings and expressed concern for their safety because of the plant operations.

The plant was destroyed by fire

earlier this summer.

Myrl Wilkinson, an attorney for the property owners, urged the council not to change the zoning classification. He said the site would be 'valueless' for residential use.

Wilkinson also opposed the ordinance on another point saying, "This is not a forum to try and convict people of zoning violations; this is a legislative body."

Some city councilmen earlier indicated the property owners told them no flammable materials would be stored at the site when it was rezoned in 1975. Councilman Pete Chalos produced copies of applications filed with state officials for flammable liquid installation at the site.

In other business, a resolution was adopted approving the concept of

bond financing for the MAB Paint expansion.

Rick Shagley, attorney for the Economic Development Commission, explained the resolution was a first step and before anything became final an ordinance would have to be passed.

The bond financing would not add to the city tax rate. Shagley said. He also reported the expansion would

add about 12 new jobs.

Also on Thursday night, the council adopted a resolution to request the Indiana Public Service Commission to conduct a field hearing in Terre Haute on a proposed rate increase being sought by the Terre Haute Water Works Corp.

In other matters, the council approved the following ordinances to appropriate \$8,000 for a water tank at Highland Lawn Cemetery; rezone the northeast corner of Fifth Street and Lafavette Ave. for a motor vehicle sales office; rezone 1427 S. 25th for a music store; amend an oridinance concerning taxicabs in congested districts; install a stop sign on Ninth Street at Kussner Street; and install a stop sign on 10th Street at Fourth Avenue.

## Downstown parking on agenda

#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

City Councilman Larry Kirchner said Wednesday morning he is beginning to receive some response to an ordinance he has proposed to restrict parking in the downtown area for two hours each morning.

The City Council is to consider that ordinance at its regular monthly meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall courtroom.

"We are making some progress and hopefully we'll come up with some type of solution," Kirchner said. He stated he has met with two downtown employees who opposed the original ordinance and he is to meet with a downtown businessman who has expressed an interest in the measure.

During previous discussions of re-

stricted parking, Kirchner repeatedly asked for public comment and he had expressed disappointment over the few responses he received. He said last week, "I am beginning to wonder if the people are not very apathetic about what's happening to their downtown."

Although it is not certain what action the council will take Thursday night, a vote could be called with some amendments added to the original bill, Kirchner pointed out Wednesday.

The ordinance in its current stage is aimed at keeping motorists from parking on downtown streets between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. The boundaries proposed for the restricted parking are Ninth Street on the east, Cherry Street on the north, Third Street on the west and Poplar Street on the

south. Streets in that area also would be designated as tow-in zones during the restricted period.

Kirchner said he introduced the bill to obtain citizen input toward the downtown parking situation. He said his ordinance would open the streets for morning cleaning and for shoppers

Two downtown employees have told the council not enough parking would exist for downtown employees if the measure passed. One woman said females should not have to walk too far to work because the streets are not safe.

Also to be considered Thursday night is an ordinance to provide parking privileges for physically handicapped persons.

Other ordinances on the agenda for Thursday call for providing estab-

lishment of fire district zones: rezoning 4215 N. 15th St. for a three-family structure; rezoning 421 S. Fruitridge Ave. for an apartment complex: rezoning 1702 S. Fourth an office to make dental plates. rezoning 2200 S. Eighth St. for an insurance office: rezoning 1108 S Sixth Street for offices, and naming the wage committee of Terre Haute Fire Fighters Local 758 as bargaining agent for that local.

Some of those measures may be held in committee for further study. Council President Jack Neaderhiser said last week.

In another matter, it has been reported a petition may be presented to the council Thursday in opposition to rebuilding or reopening of Vego Chemical, a southside firm destroyed by fire Friday.

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## Council Withdraws Parking, Apartment Bills

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By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

City councilmen Thursday night withdrew ordinances to restrict parking downtown and rezone property for an apartment complex near Edgewood Grove, but did take action to prohibit Vego Chemical from rebuilding its business.

A large crowd, including about 40 persons from the Edgewood Grove Association, attended the meeting to speak out against issues before the council.

By a majority vote, the council withdrew an ordinance which would have rezoned property at 421 S. Fruitridge Ave., where an approximate \$500,000 apartment building was to be constructed. Councilman Larry Kirchner, a stockholder in the development firm planning to build the apartment building, initially wanted the ordinance to be held in committee because he felt residents of the Edgewood Grove did not understand what type of building was to be constructed. Embittered by the opposition voiced by many persons, Kirchner later asked the council to withdraw the ordinance, adding, "... The people are wrong, it would have enhanced your neighborhood. If this is the way you want to be, then I'll take my business elsewhere.'

Henry Longfield, 417 S. Fruitridge Ave., led the fight to keep the apartment complex from being built in the Edgewood Grove. Longfield and other residents claimed the neighborhood was primarily for single-residential structures and an apartment building would devalue property. Also, the opposing group said the ordinance was spot zoning which it opposes.

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LARRY KIRCHNER
City Councilman

holding an ordinance in committee for two months, withdrew Councilman Kirchner's proposal to restrict parking in certain areas of the downtown business district. Kirchner asked the bill be withdrawn since he had received very little input from citizens about solutions to the downtown parking problem.

"... If the downtown business people are willing to live with the parking problem and aren't willing to do anything about it, then why in the world should I make their decision for them," asked Kirchner.

Kirchner and other councilmen previously critized downtown business persons for their lack of interest in resolving the parking problem. Sid Levin and Steve Owens, both downtown businessmen, explained their reasons for not attending previous council meetings to discuss the parking problem.

"We chose a hands off policy because we were told the Civic Improvement parking authority committee was handling the problem. We were told Civic Improvement would be the new spokesman for the downtown business people," said Levin.

Owens, president of the Downtown Businessmen's Association told councilmen he was told by Dr. John A. Logan, executive director of Civic Improvement, Inc., to "not say a word" to councilmen about his opinion of the ordinance.

That remark didn't settle too well with councilmen who said they did

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## City Council of Community Affairs File City Council strikes 4 rezoning measures

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance to rezone property at 421 S. Fruitridge Ave. for a 16-unit apartment complex was withdrawn from the record Thursday night at the City Council's regular monthly meet-

That measure, which received much opposition at the meeting, was one of four rezoning ordinances stricken from the record by the coun-

cil Thursday night.

During discussion of the ordinance for the apartment rezoning, six persons addressed the council and spoke against the measure. About 30 people in the 100-member audience stood when it was asked how many were there because of the 421 S. Fruitridge Ave. ordinance.

Two votes were taken to strike the apartment rezoning ordinance from the record.

The first vote was 4-3 for striking the bill from the record. Some councilmen said they were not for or against the bill, but they felt the matter should receive more study. Councilman Larry Kirchner abstained from voting because he is a stockholder in a corporation that had planned to install the apartment complex.

A question arose if the 4-3 vote was enough to strike the ordinance from the record and City Attorney James Smock said it was.

However, to be sure the measure was legally stricken from the record, the council took a revote at a 7-0 tally. Council President Jack Neaderhiser explained the second vote was a parliamentary procedure to be sure the measure actually was struck.

Althrough Kirchner abstained from voting, he orginally made a motion to hold the bill in committee so a drawing of the apartment complex could be presented to people in the area around 421 S. Fruitridge Ave. It was later decided Kirchner could not make such a motion since he was

abstaining from the vote process.
Persons speaking against the measure said the area was primarily a single-family residential area and the apartment complex would devalue property there.

"If we adopted a master plan for this to be R-1 (single-family residence), why don't we stay with it," said Henry Longfield owner of property adjacent to the property in ques-

tion.

Kirchner said the apartment complex would increase the tax base of the city and provide more housing. He also said the complex would not change the nature of the area because apartments already exist within a four-block radius of it.

After the first vote to strike the bill, Kirchner said he was not speaking as a councilman when he asked the council to withdraw the ordinance and that he would be glad to "let you know we'll be more than happy to take our business elsewhere.'

In voting to strike the bill from the record, Councilman William Jarvis said, "I think it's high time we get tougher on this rezoning...and maintain these residentials to what they were intended for."

Other rezoning ordinances stricken from the record Thursday night were for: a three-family structure at 4215 N. 15th St.; an insurance office at 2200 S. Eighth St.; and offices at 1108 S. Sixth St. The latter two were stricken at the request of their petitioners.

One rezoning ordinance which did receive council approval Thursday was for an office to make dental plates at 1702 S. Fourth St.

Also passed Thursday night was an ordinance to provide parking privileges for physically handicapped persons and an ordinance naming the wage committee of Terre Haute Fire Fighters Local 758 as bargaining agent for that local.

An ordinance providing for establishment of fire district zones was held in committee for further study.

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## king, fire site council topics

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance which would have restricted parking in the downtown area was withdrawn from the City Council record Thursday night at the regular monthly meeting of that group.

The vote to strike the bill from the record came on a motion from Coun-

The City Council also withdrew four rezoning requests from the record during the Thursday meeting: story, page 5.

cilman Larry Kirchner, sponsor of the measure. The ordinance was struck on a vote of 8-0

Kirchner said he was withdrawing the ordinance because of the apparent lack of interest expressed about the bill by persons with interests in the downtown

"If they are not anymore interested in the situation than I have found them to be, I'm not willing to make a decision for them." Kirchner said. "If they are willing to live with that type of situation then why in

The City Council adopted a resolution Thursday night to temporarily prohibit the city building inspector from issuing any permits for property which housed the firm known as Vego Chemical, 1617 Idaho St.

A petition was presented to the council asking: the zoning on the property be changed from a manufacturing designation to commercial: that Vego Chemical not be permitted to rebuild a chemical manufacturing business at the same location; and that all chemical storage tanks be removed with no new tanks to be allowed on the property.

The plant, which manufactured chemicals, was destroyed by fire last Friday. The blaze has been under investigation by the Terre Haute Fire Department, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Terre Haute Police Department, according to Fire

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Chief Leroy Shipley.

The resolution passed Thursday said it is the "intent of the City Council to introduce a zoning ordinance to rezone the property as soon as possible."

The council asked, in the resolution, that the Building Inspection Department and the Fire Department take "all necessary action to prevent any new construction at Vego Chemicals until the rezoning meausure is passed.

No official indication was given as to the new zoning designation which will be sought.

City Councilman C. Eugene Trummel said he did not think the council could actually prohibit any issuance of permits, but the request should be

Sid Levin, a downtown busi-

nessman, told the council that downtown businessmen did not take part in earlier council discussions on the parking restriction because a parking committee has been appointed to study the matter and "they haven't gotten off the gound vet."

Because the parking committee still is formulating its work, "we kept a hands off policy," Levin explained. That committee was appointed by Terre Haute Civic Improvement Inc.

Steve Owens, president of the Downtown Businessmen's Association, said he could not attend a hearing on the restriction ordinance last week because he was working on a large promotion to be made public

Councilman Pete Chalos said he does not like the idea of an appointed committee which does not report back to a legislative body or to the public.

Levin did suggest slant parking on Wabash Avenue and creation of a left turn onto Wabash Avenue from U.S. Highway 41. The slant parking could open up 30 percent more parking spaces, he added.

The ordinance would have restricted parking on downtown streets between 7 and 9 a.m. The boundaries proposed for the restricted parking were: Ninth Street on the east. Cherry Street on the north. Third Street on the west and Poplar Street on the south

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REFERENCE DO NOT CIRCULATE Trummel resigns council post

By BRYAN TAYLOR, CAROLYN TOOPS Tribune Staff Writers

C. Eugene Trummel has cited business pressures in announcing his resignation from the Terre Haute City Council, effective next Tuesday, The TRIBUNE learned Wednesday.

Trummel, who represented the Second District, has served on the council since 1971 when he was appointed to replace John Napier. He had not been a candidate for reelection this year.

The GOP vacancy created by the resignation could be filled as early as Aug. 17, according to Vigo County Republican Chairman C. Don Nattkemper.

The new councilman will be selected by the 11 Republican precinct committeemen in the Second

District. By law, the committeemen must be given at least 10 days notice before the caucus and the vacancy must be filled within 30 days of the resignation.

The earliest caucus date would be Aug. 17. No proxy voting is permitted.
Trummel said, "It's been a concern for several months that I don't have enough time to handle both my business and council business."
Trummel is an accountant.

In a similar situation last year, the 14 Democrat committeemen in the Sixth District elected Ralph S. Garrett to the City Council to replace John S. Lamb, who resigned due to health reasons.

Trummel said he has mailed letters of resignation to council president Jack Neaderhiser and vice president Larry Kirchner.

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## Vego Chemical property topic at council meeting

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A proposed ordinance may be forthcoming to change the zoning designation for a southside address that houses what remains of a chemical plant destroyed by fire in June, according to a discussion Thursday night at the City Council's "sunshine meeting."

Although it was not on the agenda, the firm commonly known as Vego Chemical, 1617 Idaho St., was a topic of discussion when a few residents from around the site questioned the council about rezoning the property.

Earl Davis, a resident of the area, reminded council members they passed a resolution last month concerning the property and he asked why the matter had not been brought up Thursday night. Last month the council adopted a resolution requesting no permits be issued for new construction at the property "until the City Council can introduce and pass an ordinance to rezone the property of Vego Chemical."

City Attorney James Smock indicated an ordinance calling for a change in the property's zoning may be introduced at an upcoming council meeting. Research for such a meas-

ure is underway, he said.

Smock said the possibility exists the property owners misrepresented

what was to be stored at the site when the property was rezoned for the chemical plant in 1975. If it is determined a misrepresentation did occur, the rezoning measure granted in 1975 could be rescinded, he explained.

The chemical firm was destroyed by fire in June and it has been the center of controversy concerning its operation and effect the surrounding

neighborhood.

Shirley Parrish, a representative of a corporation involved with the property, said procedures are under way to get rid of everything at the site. She also said a contractor has been contacted to remove a chemical from some underground tanks at the site. She said she did not know when the work was to be done. It was reported a week ago that work was to be done within a week.

Also discussed Thursday night were ordinances for seeking: \$500,000 for street resurfacing; rezoning of property at 901 Ft. Harrison Road, 792 Lafayette Ave., and 3250 N. 19th St.; installation of stop signs at three intersections; installation of a traffic signal at 38th Street and Maple Avenue; and establishment of a "No Parking" zone on Maple Avenue from Seventh Street to Ninth Street.

Action on those ordinances is scheduled for the council's regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. next

Thursday.

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### \$500,000 street work ordinance to be discussed by City Council

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A \$500,000 appropriation ordinance for street repair is to be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at a public meet-

ing of the City Council.

The session is the council's July "sunshine meeting" where ordinances scheduled for action a week later are to be discussed. Also on Thursday's agenda are three rezoning ordinances and six measures dealing with traffic control

The \$500,000 is listed for local road and street repair

The street repair money is to come from the Local Road and Street Fund.

The rezoning ordinances are for establishment of limited community commerce designations at three northside addresses - 901 Fort Harrison Road: 792 Lafayette Ave.; and 3250 N. 19th St.

The ordinance for 901 Fort Harrison Road seeks to rezone the property for a Christian book store and gift shop

The rezoning petition accompanying the ordinance for 792 Lafayette Ave. did not specify an exact use for the property.

However, the rezoning measure for 3250 N. 19th St. proposes the property be used for a television sales and service business

The traffic control ordinances call for.

·An agreement between the city and Public Service Indiana to supply electricity for a traffic signal at Lafavette Avenue and Buckeye Street

·A "No Parking" zone on the north side of Maple Avenue from Seventh Street to Ninth Street

· A stop sign to require east-west traffic on First Avenue to stop at the Fourth Street

 A traffic signal at 38th Street and Maple Avenue.

· A stop sign to require north-south traffic on Fifth Street to stop before entering the intersection of Elm Street

· A stop sign to require north-south traffic on 21st Street to stop at the Putnam Street intersection.

Also on the agenda for discussion Thursday is an ordinance for establishing fire district zones. This measure has come before the council at previous meetings, but consideration of it has been delayed

## Street funds approved By BRYAN TAYLOR the wording. He said he was not a traffic signal at 38th Street

#### Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council met in regular monthly session Thursday night and approved \$500,000 for street resurfacing and it voted to override Mayor William J. Brighton's pocket veto of a bill to recognize the wage committee of the local firefighters union as bargaining agent for that group.

The street resurfacing money is to come from the Local Road and Street Fund. The appropriation measure passed on a unanimous vote of the eight council members present.

Earlier this year, Mayor William J. Brighton said the city administration was planning to resurface about onefourth of the city streets this year.

The council delivered another unanimous vote when it decided to override Brighton's pocket veto of a bill naming the wage committee of Terre Haute Firefighters Local 758 as the bargaining agent for that local. The council passed that ordinance in June, but Brighton did not sign it into law because he wanted a change in against what the measure sought, but he was against how it was worded.

The council currently is in the process of negotiating a 1980 contract with local firefighters. An initial meeting between the two groups took place Wednesday night and another one is scheduled for Friday night.

In other council action Thursday night, ordinances were passed unanimously to rezone 792 Lafayette Ave. and 3250 N. 19th St.

The rezoning at 792 Lafayette Ave. is to allow apartments at that site. Rezoning was sought for 3250 N. 19th St. to allow establishment of a television sales and service business.

Another rezoning measure was withdrawn Thursday night. It orginally sought to rezone Ft. Harrison Road for a Christian book store.

Also passed Thursday were ordinances to efect stop signs for: First Avenue at Fourth Street: Fifth Street at Elm Street: and 21st Street at Putnam Street.

Other measures approved were for

a traffic signal at 38th Street and Maple Avenue and for an agreement with Public Service Indiana to supply electricity for a traffic signals at Lafayette Avenue and Buckeye Street.

A "No Parking" zone also was approved for the north side of Maple Avenue between Seventh and Ninth streets.

Under "new business" the council passed a resolution approving improvement bonds for Hulman Field and ratifying the name of the Hulman Field Airport Authority.

In a discussion prior to regular business. Richard Evans. 719 N. Eighth St., told the council he thought a poor precedent was set when Fairbanks Park was made available for the recent motorcycle races for which admission was charged.

Council vice president Larry Kirchner told the council's committee on parks to compile information on how the park was used for the race and report at the next council meeting.

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#### City budget ordinances introduced

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Several new ordinances were introduced on first reading Thursday at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council.

Included in those ordinances were measures proposing the 1980 city budgets, seven rezoning classifications and amendments to previously passed ordinances for police and firefighter salaries.

The or9inances for police and firefighters would put both groups on an equal level for pay and health insurance benefits in 1980."

One of the ordinances would amend a measure passed earlier granting a pay raise in 1980 to city firefighters. The ordinance introduced Thursday

iny at of the firefighters' health insurance.

The previously adopted ordinance gave firefighters a \$950 increase with no increase in the current 50 percent insurance benefits. The new ordinance would put into law the contract package agreed to by the council and Terre Haute Firefighters Local 758 earlier this week.

The ordinance for police salaries would put local policemen even with firefighters in 1980 pay and insurance benefits. The measure proposes an additional \$50 in salary and an extra 5 percent on insurance than was approved in an earlier ordinance. A measure adpoted earlier this summer

gave .olicemen a \$700 raise in 1980, accompanied by 50 percent insurance

Ray Watts, president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 85, asked the council if it would consider the extra pay and insurance "to bring us equal with the Fire Department so the city police will have the same standard."

Watts said some city policemen had presented him with a petition seeking the extra money.

In an interview after the council meeting, Watts told the TRIBUNE the policemen are not considering any job action and they are not holding a "grudge." He also said he was not against the recent firefighters' contract agreement.

"Our feeling is it doesn't hurt to ask and if they don't give it, that's fine," he added.

John Hovey, a trustee for the local FOP lodge, said, "If they (council members) say there is no money available, we will honor our contract." Next year would be the second year of a two-year contract between local policemen and the city.

The council met with Hovey and Watts after the regular meeting Thursday night.

Among the other new ordinances introduced Thursday night were measures proposing the 1980 budget for city government.

Councilman Kenneth Thomas presided at the session and assigned the budget ordinances to the council as a committee of the whole.

According to a legal advertisement, the city budget proposed totaled about \$12.5 million, including a general fund budget of about \$7.77 million.

Also introduced into the legislative process Thursday night were rezoning ordinances for the following addresses: 4215 N. 25th St.; 3425 Fort Harrison Road; 3249 N. Eighth St.; 1611 N. 25th St.; 101 and 105 N. 12th St.; 2800 block of North Seenth Street; and 2220 N. Hendricks.

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## Firefighters object THE Community of the to pay hike approval

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council Monday night passed an ordinance giving fire-righters a \$950 salary increase in 1980, but the head of the local firefighters union said the council acted in "bad taste" by not waiting until the fire-fighters had reached a final decision on the council's latest contract offer.

All but four members of Terre Haute Firefighters Local 758 voted to reject the \$950 offer which was made Saturday, Bill Terrell, president of the local, said Tuesday morning.

Meeting in special session, the council voted 7-0 to pass an ordinance giving the firefighters an annual pay increase of \$950 in 1980. Other ordinances were passed giving local policemen a \$700 pay hike and other city employees about a 7 percent increase.

The council passed the firefighters' ordinance not knowing if Terre Haute Firefighters Local 758 had rejected or accepted the council's latest contract offer, which was the \$950 raise. Council members made their offer Saturday and the firefighters voted on the matter Sunday and Monday.

Terrell said Monday night the vote count was not final and the council should have waited until it learned what the firefighters did prior to entering any salary figures on the ordinance.

Terrell said Tuesday morning he already had scheduled a Wednesday meeting for part of Local 758 to discuss the council's action.

"We'll call special meetings and I'll get the firefighters together and I'll betcha we'll be talking (about) job action," Terrell said Monday night. He pointed out nothing final has been decided about job action and he wanted to avoid it if possible. When asked if job action would be discussed, he said "absolutely."

At Monday's council session, Coun-

cil Vice President Larry Kirchner expressed surprise that no fire-fighters had contacted the council or attended the meeting to discuss the firefighters' vote on the Saturday offer.

"If they (firefighters) do come back and reject the offer, we can do nothing about that," Kirchner said. He said that since the ordinance has passed, the council cannot add to the salary, but only reduce it.

Terrell said no mention was made in Saturday negotiations for a specific time for the firefighters to contact the council. As of Monday night, about 15 to 20 firefighters still had to vote on the offer, he said.

The union head said it was his understanding that if the firefighters had not reached a final decision by Monday night, the council would enter a blank ordinance and put the salary figures in later.

The council vice president said Tuesday a misunderstanding apparently existed. The ordinance was entered blank Saturday so the fire-fighters could have time to vote on the latest offer, he said. He agreed that no time had been set for the firefighters to report back to the council, but they were aware of the Monday council session scheduled for salary action.

An ordinance cannot be passed blank and the salary measures have to be passed by Aug. 1, according to state law, Kirchner said.

Kirchner said the \$950 increase is a "fair offer" and it is the largest increase local firefighters have ever been offered "in the history of their job."

Terrell said he thought firefighters would go along with a \$950 increase plus the city paying 90 percent of their health insurance. The council offer did not include any change in current health insurance benefits which stands at 50 percent payment.

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# Council discusses revenue sharing uses

By ROB ALEEN
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council discussed federal revenue sharing money and proposed appropriation ordinances 13 through 39 for 1980 during a "sunshine" meeting Thursday night.

A handful of local residents attended the brief session which allowed public comment about the ordinances and suggested uses for federal revenue sharing funds.

Larry Kirchner, vice president of the council, chaired the meeting and went through the ordinances in turn.

The only question council members had was whether the proposed federal revenue sharing budget included raises for police and firefighters given this year. Councilman Pete Chalos later figured out that it must not since the budget was prepared Aug. 1.

Margaret Dyer, 140 Hamilton Drive, who again expressed her interest in the city developing other recreational needs at Hulman Links, wanted to know why the mayor or city controller was not in attendance to answer questions about the budget.

Kirchner said the council cannot mandate anyone to attend to the meetings. He further assured attending residents that the council will conduct meetings with department heads before the public hearing on the budget scheduled for Aug. 27.

A news media representative told the council such meetings would have to be open to the public according to provisions of the "open door" law.

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Kirchner said the council will check into that and, if it is so, will conduct the meetings in public.

Kirchner also said the public will have full opportunity to comment on the budget during the Aug. 27 meeting. Some confusion had arisen Thursday night, he said, because council members thought the meeting was to be just on federal revenue sharing fund uses.

City Controller Joan Hetherington said Friday morning the sole purpose of the meeting Thursday night was to discuss the uses of revenue sharing funds

"The misunderstanding over the purpose of the meeting did not

originate from this office," the controller said.

Apparently the confusion arose when the council call was issued. The call indicated the council members were to discuss appropriation ordinances in addition to the revenue sharing funds.

The proposed budget includes a tax rate of \$5.39 which is 57 cents more than the current certified rate of

\$4.82

The tax rate would raise \$6,662,149, but that amount is about \$400,000 more than the amount allowed by state limitations, according to the controller.

Federal revenue sharing funds in the budget total \$769,136 — apparently not including raises given for police and firefighters this year. Chalos said the city expected to receive slightly more than \$1 million

Breakdown of the federal revenue sharing budget shows: \$504,420, salary increases for police, fire, civilians; \$103,000, salaries for 65 adult school crossing guards; \$40,648, salaries for four civilian radio operators; \$15,728, salaries for two police clerks; and \$14,044, salary for police legal adviser.

Also, \$12,920, salary for juvenile counselor; \$12,920, salary for police analyst; \$7,864, salary for juvenile counselor secretary; \$7,864, salary for police analyst clerk; \$7,864, salary for police analyst secretary; \$7,864, salary for legal adviser secretary.

Also, \$14,000, social security payment; \$12,000, infant care feeding program; and \$8,000, public employees retirement fund.

The city's general fund budget totals \$7.77 million. With other funds included, the total comes to \$12.5 million. That includes the following funds: motor vehicle highway, parking meter, federal revenue sharing trust, park and recreation, police pension, cemetery and fire pension.

Mrs. Hetherington, in a recent in-

Mrs. Hetherington, in a recent interview, said major increases in the budget have had to come in areas such as utilities and areas relating to salaries since a 7 percent salary increase is in store for city personnel.

She added that a new fire truck is included in the fire department's budget.

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# GOP Price candidate for council

By CAROLYN TOOPS Tribune Staff Writer

William W. Price, Republican nominee for Second District councilman in the Nov. 6 city election, is expected to be named by GOP precinct committeemen Saturday to fill the unexpired term of C. Eugene Trummel.

Price is the sole candidate for the post, according to Republican County Chairman C. Don Nattkemper.

Chairman C. Don Nattkemper.

Trummel, citing "business pressures," submitted his resignation, effective Aug. 7. He had been the only Republican on the council since 1971, and was not a candidate for reelection this year.

In accordance with current Indiana statutes, Nattkemper called a caucus of the 11 GOP committeemen in the Second District for 10 a.m. Saturday at Republican headquarters to fill the vacancy.

State law requires that the committeemen be given at least 10 days notice and that the vacancy be filled within 30 days.

Candidates for the post had to file a declaration in writing 72 hours before the caucus.

Price, 33, defeated Gene Perry for the Second District nomination in the May primary. His Democrat opponent in the November election is retired city policeman Warren Nichols.

Price, a graduate of Wiley High School and Indiana State University, has owned a real estate and management business for the past three years.

Assuming his selection, Price will assume his duties as councilman immediately, Nattkemper said.

In a similar situation last year, the 14 Democrat committemen in the Sixth District elected Ralph S. Garrett to replace John S. Lamb, who resigned due to health reasons. However, there were several candidates for that council seat.

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#### **Budget Problems Arise**

S AUS 1 7 1979 By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

What if the city council had a hudget hearing and nobody came to hear how the city plans to spend \$12.5

million in 1980?

It almost happened Thursday night when the council conducted its business in front of an audience of five residents and the local news media. The poor turnout might be blamed on public apathy, but the actual problem was that the majority of the councilmen didn't know the budget was to be discussed until a few minutes before the meeting began.

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An apologetic Larry Kirchner, vice president of the council who chaired the meeting, said he was led to believe the sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed uses of federal revenue sharing funds included in the 1980 city budget. Kirchner learned the council was to discuss the entire budget after he read a public notice taped to an office door outside the City Hall Courtroom.

Kirchner had not been given a copy of the budget until a couple of minutes before the meeting. He said he had not been personally instructed by the city controller or the mayor about "discussing" the budget Thursday night and, in fact, had told the news media earlier this week the meeting was just to discuss the planned uses of federal revenue money next year.

"If/ had known it was going to be like this I would have not called this meeting tonight (Thursday)." apologized Kirchner to the persons attending the brief session.

The council did announce the proposed amounts to be spent by each city department, but did not dwell on individual budgetary items. Kirchner assured those persons in attendance the council would conduct "budget hearings" with each department head before the council votes on the budget Aug. 27.

The five councilmen present - Ken Thomas, Norma Spork, Pete Chalos, Bill Jarvis and Kirchner - did elaborate on planned uses of federal revenue sharing funds. Most of the federal revenue funds for 1980 have been "committed" for salary increases for policemen, firemen and other city employees. Other proposed uses outlined in the budget are for salaries of police radio operators, two police records room clerks, 65 adult school crossing guards, a police legal advisor and a secretary, a police analyst and a secretary, a police analyst clerk, and a juvenile counselor and a secretary.

Also, funds have been set aside for social security, public employee retirement fund and an infant feeding program. The city is expected to receive more than \$1 million in federal revenue funds and almost all that amount has already been committed, city officials said.

Many of the persons at the Thursday night meeting were critical of the

mayor and city controller for not attending the council session. Councilmen said they could not mandate anyone to attend meetings, but said they would immediately contact the city controller and city department heads about questions concerning the budget.

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## Council Reminded' To Expand Facilities

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

A woman who has been after city officials to expand recreational activities at Hulman Links again reminded city councilmen of the matter at Thursday's city council budget hearing.

Margaret Dyer, 140 Hamilton Drive, told councilmen the city needs to develop other forms of recreation, particularly swimming, at the Hulman Links property in Lost Creek.

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"We have a tremendous capital investment at Hulman Links, but it's one-sided. The city needs to do something for people other than golfers," said Mrs. Dyer.

She said the city could match lederal revenue sharing funds with profits earned at the golf course to pay for the costs of expanding recreational activities there. Councilmen lold her much of the \$1,015,000 in revenue sharing money already has been committed to other programs and salary raises for city employees in 1980.

Mrs. Dyer, who has attended many council meetings over the past few years, believes the city also should pend money to increase the hours local pools are open to the public.

"There are many people who work

late into the afternoon and cannot make it to the pools during regular hours. Also, there are families who have picnics in the evening at parks and I'm sure they would like to swim in the pools, too," she said.

Despite the fact the council still doesn't know exactly how much money the city will have to spend in 1980, it's apparent about \$400,000 will have to be trimmed from the proposed \$12.5 million budget. According to state statute, the city cannot increase its tax levy in 1980 and must depend on increased tax revenue from new property assessments to cover the costs of inflation.

As proposed the budget estimates are:

- General Fund: \$7,768,828.
- Motor Vehicle Highway Fund: \$1,049,292.
  - Parking Meter Fund: \$56,768.
  - Revenue Sharing: \$769,136.
    Park and Recreation Fund:
- \$883,414.

   Police Pension Fund: \$730.828.
  - Fire Pension Fund: \$997,251.
  - Cemetery Fund: \$260,480.

City councilmen said Thursday hight they would soon be meeting with all department heads and elected city officials to discuss the budget and make necessary cuts. It is hopeful hearings with department heads will be open to interested taxpayers. The council votes on the budget Aug. 27.

### Council cuts \$430,350

#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council met in special session Monday night and cut \$430,350 from a proposed 1980 city budget that orginally totaled about \$12.5 million.

The cuts were almost what was required by state limitations and most of the trimming was done in the proposed budgets for the Fire Department and the Park and Recreation Department.

Along with the budget approvals, the council approved a tax rate of about \$5.04, a decrease of about 35 cents from the rate proposed prior to the council's cutting action.

A breakdown of the rate approved Monday night is: about \$4.47 for the general fund; about 49.5 cents for the park and recreation fund; and about 7.5 cents for the police pension fund.

Although the council managed to cut the proposed 1980 tax rate, that amount still stands about 22 cents higher than the current rate of \$4.82.

Budget totals left after Monday night are: general fund, \$7,362,828 (about \$406,000 less than submitted); motor vehicle highway fund, \$1,049,292 (passesd as submitted); cemetery fund, \$260,480 (no cuts); parking meter fund, \$56,768 (no cuts); police pension fund, 730,828 (no cuts); fire pension fund, \$997,251 (no cuts); park and recereation fund, \$853,664 (about \$29,750 less than submitted); and federal revenue sharing trust fund, \$769,136 (no cuts).

Most of the budget cutting done Monday night came in the 1980 proposal for the Fire Department where council members knocked out \$387,000 from a submitted figure of \$2,197,467.

The biggest cut came when the council voted to remove a \$283,000 budget item for purchase of an aerial truck and a half-ton pickup truck.

Another \$96,250 was cut from the Fire Department budget in salaries.

That decrease cut the possibility of hiring 10 new firefighters, but it left \$1,540,017 for payment of 160

firefighters, according to some councilmen. Currently only about 154 firefighters are on the payroll. Thus, next year's budget still would allow for about six new firefighters.

Decreases in the park department budget for 1980 included \$12,000 from salaries and \$8,000 from temporary wages.

Other reductions included money for travel, supplies, furniture and fixtures, and office equipment.

The mayor's budget was approved at \$57,760, about \$1,500 less than was submitted. The council cut the \$1,500 from a budget item for civic promotion.

The council also pared the budgets of the city controller, City Hall maintenance, building inspector, weights and measures and police department.

Council members took one and a half hours to complete their work Monday night.

The budgets and tax rates now must go before the county tax adjustment board and the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

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#### Price replaces Trummel in city council position

Republican precinct committeemen from the city's Second Councilmanic District Saturday unanimously elected William W. Price, 33, 1403 Paul Dresser Drive, to fill the unexpired term of C. Eugene Trummel, who resigned effective Aug. 7, citing "business pressures."

Price had won the GOP nomination for the Second District seat in the May primary. He owns a real estate

and management business.

County Republican Chairman C. Don Nattkemper said that eight of the 11 committeemen were present for the Saturday caucus to fill the vacancy. Three were out of the city, Nattkemper said.

"We'll certify the proceedings to both the city and county clerks, and to the city council," Nattkemper continued, adding that Price would go to City Hall Monday to be sworn in.

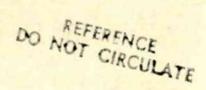
Price replaces Trummel as the

lone Republican on the nine-member

"Price certainly earned this spot. He worked extremely hard in the primary, conducting a vigorous door to door campaign to meet the voters. and will be an able successor to Trummel, who served so capably for almost eight years," Nattkemper said.

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### Equal opportunity ordinance slated for council discussion

A proposed ordinance that would establish an equal opportunity policy for Terre Haute is to be discussed by the City Council during a public "sunshine" hearing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

Also on the agenda for the scheduled hearing are seven rezoning ordinances, an appropriation measure for the Humane Shelter, and two ordinances granting 1980 pay raises to police and firefighters.

Items on Thursday's agenda are to

be discussed only. Action on them is scheduled for Sept. 13, the regular monthly meeting of the council.

The equal opportunity ordinance would establish a policy where local citizens could not be discriminated against in the areas of housing, employment, access to public conveniences and education. Denying those "civil rights" because of race, religion, color, sex, handicap, national origin or ancestry shall be considered a discriminatory practice under the

proposed ordinance.

Along with establishing an equal opportunity policy, the measure calls for creation of a "Commission on Rights" to car:y out provisions of the ordinance. The members shall be appointed by the City Council and would serve without compensation, the proposal said.

The ordinance also calls for the commission to appoint a director to help carry out the ordinance pro-

visions.

Another expressed purpose of the ordinance is to protect employers, labor groups, employment agencies, property owners and lending institutions from unfounded charges of discrimination.

Mayor William J. Brighton said an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing is necessary for the city to continue receiving federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He said HUD officials have been requesting the city develop such a policy for equal opportunities in housing and property for the past six to eight months.

The rezoning ordinances to be discussed Thursday call for:

cussed Thursday call for:
•Rezoning 4215 N. 25th St. for use as a three-family structure.

•Rezoning 3435 Fort Harrison Road for a restaurant.

•Rezoning 3249 N. Eighth St. for a Christian book store and gift shop. The property is located near Fort Harrison Road and U.S. Highway 41.

•Rezonning 1611 N. 25th St. for a limited community commerce designation

signation.

•Rezoning 101-105 N. 12th St. for apartments. The structure has been used for many years as a private club, according to the rezoning petition.

•Rezoning property in the 2800 block of N. Seventh St. for construction of seven buildings containing a total of 100 apartment units.

•Rezoning 2220 N. Hendricks for a conditional mobile home usage.

Also on the agenda for Thursday night is an ordinance granting a \$1,000 pay raise for firefighters next year. The council has already agreed with the firefighters' union on that amount of raise and the city paying 55 percent of the firefighters' health insurance.

Another pay raise would be granted to police officers under an ordinance amending an earlier police salary measure for 1980. The increase would total \$750 under the measure to be discussed Thursday.

Other items to be discussed Thursday include a \$15,000 appropriation for the Humane Shelter, a bill to release Ivy Hill Communications Inc. from a covenant concerning sale of property, and an ordinance setting up fire district zones.

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#### City Board Order Traffic Control Systems At Several Locations

By GENIE FOWLER Star Staff Writer

Stop signs, no parking zones and other regulations for traffic control were ordered by the Terre Haute Board of Public Works and Safety Wednesday afternoon.

The ordinances, passed by city council, were ordered by the board to include placement of stop

signs at the following locations:

U.S. 41 and Johnson Avenue. Northbound traffic on Hospital Road will have to stop before entering the intersection on Davis Avenue.

- Johnson Avenue and Hospital Road. Johnson Avenue traffic will have to stop before entering the

intersection at Hospital Road.

- First Avenue and Fourth Street. East and westbound traffic on First Avenue will have to stop before entering into or crossing Fourth Street.

- Putnam Street and 21st Street intersection on

21st Street.

- Ninth Street at Kussner Street intersection. - Fifth Street at the Elm Street intersection.
- Tenth Street at the Fourth Avenue intersection

- Hospital Road before entering Seventh Street. Other traffic regulation ordinances include a no parking zone to be established on the north and south sides of Hulman Street beginning at 1600 Hulman and running east to 19th Street.

Another no parking zone will be designated between Seventh and Ninth streets on the north side

of Maple Avenue.

Trucks will prohibited to enter onto or travel in the 2900 block on Harding Avenue, and installation of a traffic light at 38th Street and Maple Avenue, are other ordinances ordered by the board.

Another ordinance grants physically han-dicapped persons the "exclusive use of parking space adjacent to their residences and places of employment, subject to rules and regulations as the board may prescribe in areas where such parking is otherwise permitted and not restricted."

In other business a \$19,245 bid from Doan and Decker Ford for four trucks to be used at the waste water treatment plant was opened. The sewage bond office is to review the single bid before it can be awarded.

Requests to install a traffic light at 16th and Sycamore streets and to place a trash container in the right-of-way on College Avenue were denied by the board.

City engineer aide David J. Dillon recommended in a letter to Ace Blind Drapery Service, which wanted to install the trash receptacle, that the container "could be a hazardous obstacle to motorists."

In other matters the board approved recommendations to remove dead end signs at Brown Avenue and Idaho Street and W. Lawrin Boulevard and Douglas Street in Woodshire addition, since the streets are now through areas.

Also approved by the board was an agreement reached between the city billing office and Dr. D.M. Ferguson for the sewage bill of January through May at Terrace Inn, as settlement on recent back billing totalling \$544.64.

In other discussion three alternatives for handling Seelyville Water Works accounts were approved and signed by city attorney Jim Smock.

The alternatives are to reduce the charge per account from \$1 to 10 cents; send a representative of the sewage disposal billing office to the Seelyville Water Works office once a month to obtain account information to eliminate the service charge; or agree the \$1 service charge be passed on to the Seelyville Water Works customers by adding \$1 to each bill.

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### City asked to consider union

By BRYAN TAYLOR
Tribune Staff Writer

A request was made to the City Council Thursday night that consideration be given to letting Street Deapartment employees obtain union representation.

Council President Jack Neaderhiser appointed a study committee to meet with Street Department representatives for a discussion of the matter.

The council met in regular monthly session Thursday night and approved initiation of a housing project for the Terre Haute House building, appointed a new member to the Police Merit Commission, acted on rezoning ordinances and tabled a measure for an equal opportunity policy in Terre Haute.

During the opening discussion portion of Thursday's meeting, a member of the Street Department told the council some Street Department employees want "something passed for a union."

The council also has received a letter from Plumbers & Steam Fitters Union 157 asking the council

consider union representation for the Street to Department. The letter said a large number of Street Department employees have expressed a desire for union representation. The department reportedly has about 79 members.

In other business, the council approved, by voice vote, initiation of a project to rehabilitate the Terre Haute House for about 131 housing units for the elderly and handicapped.

Members of the Terre Haute Housing Authority Commission have approved formation of the Terre Haute House Elderly Housing Corp to proceed with plans for the approximate \$5.4 million project.

The council vote on the matter came after discussion with Kirby Smith, executive director of the Housing Authority. He said the not-for-profit corporation is to issue bonds for the project and it will not affect city tax rates.

Smith also reported the new corporation has the same members as the Bethesda Corporation, a non-profit group that developed the Deming Hotel. Councilman Pete Chalos questioned why the same corporation cannot be used for the Terre Haute House. Smith said the bond attorneys want the new corporation in case the old one has any old business that might bring complications in issuance of new bonds.

Chalos and Councilman Larry Kirchner told Smith the council would have appreciated more time prior to the authority coming before the council for approval of the project.

During the voice vote, Chalos opposed adoption of the resolution and Councilman William Jarvis did vote yes or no. All other councilmen apparently voted for the measure.

In another matter, the council appointed Gerald Jeffers, 1823 College Ave., to fill a vacancy on the Police Merit Commission. That term is to end in June of 1980. Jeffers was approved by a vote of 8-1 with Councilman William Price voting against approval. He said he had another person he wanted to recommend for the position.

Prior to the merit commission vote, Susan Crittender asked the

council to appoint a woman to the board. Council members expressed agreement with such a move.

Chalos said that when another board position opens, women should make their interests known.

Rezoning measures that received approval Thursday were to rezone 101-105 N. 12th St. for apartments and 2220 N. Hendricks for a mobile home. Measures for rezoning that were struck from the record affected the following addresses: 4215 N. 15th St. for apartments; 3249 N. Eighth St. for a Christian book store; and the 2800 block of North Seventh Street for 100 apartments) (this was withdrawn at request of the petitioners).

The council tabled rezoning ordinances for 3435 Fort Harrison Road and 1611 N. 25th St.

Also approved Thursday were ordinances: appropriating \$15,000 for the Humane Shelter; granting pay raises for police officers and firefighters in 1980; releasing a covenant concerning sale of property owned by Ivy Hill Communications Inc.; and transferring money in various city departments.

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#### City Council to consider ordinance to establish equal opportunity plan

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance to establish an equal opportunity policy for Terre Haute is to be discussed at a City Council public "sunshine" hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

Also on the agenda for Thursday's discussion session are three rezoning ordinances, an appropriation measure and two ordinances dealing with traffic control.

The equal opportunity ordinance came before the council last month, but it was tabled at that time for further discussion.

City Attorney James Smock reported at an earlier council meeting the "crux" of the equal opportunity ordinance is housing.

Mayor William J. Brighton also reported earlier the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has been requesting the city to develop a fair housing ordinance.

The policy would not allow dis-crimination in the areas of housing, employment, access to public conveniences and education. Those rights cannot be denied because of race, religion, color, sex, handicap, national origin or ancestry, according to the proposed policy.

Two other ordinances on Thursday's agenda also crossed the council table at last month's meeting.

One of them would rezone 3435 Fort Harrison Road to house a former railroad dining car for use as a restaurant. The site currently is zoned for heavy industrial use, according to the petition seeking the

zoning change.

The restaurant ordinance was tabled last month so a a change in the bill's language regarding an easement to some adjoining property could go before the Area Plan Commission. Concern was expressed that a nearby resident would lose access to her property because of the restaurant. An agreement on an easement reportedly has been reached.

The other rezoning measure tabled last month would allow an archery equipment shop at 1611 N. 25th St. A representative of the property owner indicated the owner was willing to have the property revert to a singlefamily residential classification if the archery shop moved out.

The new rezoning ordinance up for discussion Thursday night seeks to rezone 400 Margaret Ave. for an insurance office. The property reportedly is zoned for single-family residences.

Other ordinances on Thursdays's agenda call for:

· Removal of the existing traffic flasher at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Lost Creek.

• Installation of a stop sign to require east-west traffic on Idaho Street to stop prior to entering the intersection of Barton Ave.

• Appropriation of \$5,000 from revenue sharing funds for the Department of Weights and Measures.

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## Semantics tables equality proposal By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribuna Staff With

**Tribune Staff Writer** 

An ordinance calling for an equal opportunity policy in Terre Haute was tabled by the City Council Thursday night so the measure could undergo some changes in language.

In other business at their regular monthly meeting, council members approved a \$500,000 transfer between two city funds. Most of that money is expected to be sought to cover a deficit in the city bus system.

The equal opportunity ordinance was tabled at the request of Bill Bennett, author of the bill and affirmative action officer of the Community Action Program of Vigo Coun-

Bennett reported officials of the

Two rezoning ordinances were also passed by members of the City Council. Story. Page 6.

federal Department of Housing and Urban Development contacted him and asked the ordinance be tabled so it can be "cleaned up." HUD has been requesting the city to adopt a fair housing ordinance.

An example of one change federal officials want, according to Bennett. is replacing the word "chairman" with the word "chairperson."

Bennett said he would try to have the necessary changes made in the proposal by the council's next public hearing set for Nov. 1.

The equal opportunity ordinance would not allow denial of access to niences, and education because of race, religion, color, sex, handicap,

national origin or ancestry. It also calls for creation of a Human Rights Commission.

At a council hearing last week, Bennett said the city could lose up to \$15 million in federal funds if a fair housing ordinance is not passed.

In other business. Thursday, the council passed a resolution transferring \$500,000 from the city's cumulative capital fund to its general fund. This money is being transferred for use to get the city bus system "out of the red," according to City Controller Joan Hetherington.

The controller reported the system currently is running, a deficit of about \$357,000 and the State Board of

Accounts told the city to cover that deficit.

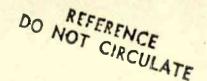
An ordinance that would appropiriate \$485,000 of the transferred amount was entered into council business Thursday. It is scheduled for action at next month's council meeting.

Money from the cumulative capital fund comes from cigarette taxes. according to Mrs. Hetherington, The fund is used mainly for large improvements such as streets, she said. The last major project for which the fund was used was the Fort Harrison overpass.

The city has applied for federal assistance to meet bus system operating expenses in 1979, but that money probably will not come until next year, Mrs. Hetherington said.

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#### Council Challenges Northside Restaurant

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

A city councilman Thursday night challenged the actions of a local construction company which located a railroad car restaurant on Terre Haute's northside without zoning ap-

proval of the council.

Councilman Bill Jarvis spoke out against the ordinance which will rezone property at 3435 Fort Harrison Road during a Thursday night city council public hearing at City Hall. Jarvis is upset with the fact REVA Development Corporation placed the railroad car restaurant at the property and hooked up electrical service although the property is improperly zoned for restaurant use.

"It seems to me we've got a double standard here. We do something for some people that we don't do for

others," charged Jarvis.

He urged council President Jack I. Neaderhiser to have a letter sent to REVA advising officials there they would have to abide by zoning laws like everyone else.

The property, involved in a land trust in the names of David Hanson, Virgil Butts and Bill Valentine, is to be leased to Ron Readinger.

"It was total error on our part, but we were not trying to pull anything over anyone," answered Readinger to Jarvis' criticism.

Readinger said the contractor and himself were "not familiar" with city

zoning laws.

"We assumed anything under M-2 classification (heavy industrial) would be covered by C-1 classification (commercial use)," stated Readinger.

Amold Brames, attorney representing the petitioners requesting the rezoning, said the petitioners made a mistake. "They wrongfully assumed the M-2 classification was sufficient. They weren't trying to fool anyone," Brames said.

The ordinance and all other legislation discussed at the public hearing will be voted on next Thursday night.

Bill Bennett, representing the Community Services Administration, explained a bill which will create a fair housing ordinance for the city. Bennett said the ordinance is required to assure the continuation of HUD funds — about \$15 million — for local housing needs.

The ordinance includes a provision to establish a human rights commission.

"It's nebulous to have a fair housing ordinance without providing for an authority to enforce it," said Bennett.

The equal opportunity and fair housing bill is similar to legislation already approved by municipal governments in Bloomington, Columbus

and Gary.

Raymond Harrod, 2129 Sycamore St., addressed the council on the issue of proposed plans to abandon service provided by the Milwaukee Road railroad system. Harrod requested the council to write a letter to U.S. Senators Birch Bayh and Richard Lugar and Congressman John Myers urging them to investigate the situation.

Harrod said, "Information indicates the Terre Haute Division of the Milwaukee Road is being rather subtly mismanaged for the benefit of Conrail, L&N Railroad, and the ICG Railroad. As this is being carried out, it will mean the loss of jobs for Terre Haute and the loss of tax revenues from several southwestern Indiana counties, particularly Vermillion and Vigo."

Harrod said the trackage rights agreement is "very heavily slanted" in favor of Conrail and has urged legislators to investigate the agree-

ment.

In other council business, councilmen considered these bills:

- An ordinance to appropriate \$5,000 from federal revenue sharing funds for the city department of weights and measures. No department head attended the hearing to explain the appropriation request.
- An ordinance to rezone property at 1611 N. 25th St. The petitioner, Thomas Rothrock, informed the council he will withdraw the ordinance. The property had been proposed to be used as an archery shop.
- An ordinance to rezone property at 400 Margaret Ave. The petitioners, John Heaton and Dan Parker, agents for Nationwide Insurance, propose to use the property as an insurance office. The property is now zoned for single residential use and questions were asked about suitable off-street parking a at the site.

## Bus deficit on council agenda By BRYAN TAYLOR ment, public conveniences and educa Fort Harrison Industrial Fort

Tribune Staff Writer

Ordinances that would appropriate \$485,000 for the bus system and establish an equal opportunity policy for the city are to be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when the City Council is scheduled to meet for its monthly "sunshine meeting."

The \$485,000 is to cover a deficit in the bus system, according to a report at the October council session.

City Controller Joan Hetherington said at that session that the State Board of Accounts has told the city to cover that deficit.

At the October council session, the council members approved a \$500,000 fund transfer to meet the appropriation.

Also on the agenda Thursday night is an ordinance that would not allow denial of access to housing, employ-

tion because of race, religion, color, sex, handicap, national origin or ancestry. The measure also calls for creation of a Human Rights Commission.

The equal opportunity ordinance came before the council at the October meeting, but it was tabled so it could undergo some changes in language.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has been after the city to adopt a fair housing policy, according to city officials.

Other ordinances on the agenda for Thursday's public discussion are ordinances seeking to rezone 408 N. 12th St. and 1124 Sycamore St. for industrial use and to rezone 998 Lockport Road for commercial use.

An ordinance authorizing sale of property owned by the city at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park is to be discussed at Thursday session too.

Traffic ordinances up for discussion call for:

- · Establishment of a no parking zone on the south side of Scycamore Street from Eighth Street to Ninth Street.
- Erection of a stop sign on 26th Street at Beech Street.
- · Installation of stop signs on Woodlwawn Avenue at Maiden Lane.
- Stop signs at the intersection of 31st and Buckeye streets.
- Erection of a stop sign on Berne Ave. at 21st Street.
- Stop signs on 22nd Street at Clay and Orleans and on Clay and Orleans at 22nd Street.

Ordinances on the agenda for Thursday are to be discussed only. Consideration of action on them is to take place next week

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#### Two rezoning ordinances passed by members of T. H. City Council

Two rezoning ordinances, one for a restaurant and another for insurance offices, were approved by the City Council when it met in regular monthly session Thursday night.

One rezoning measure was passed for a railroad dining car restaurant at 3435 Fort Harrison Road. The bill passed 7-1 with Councilman William

Jarvis voting in opposition. When the restaurant ordinance came before the council last month, it was tabled until an easement agreement concerning an adjacent property owner could be worked out. Arnold Brames, attorney for the rezoning petitioners, reported an agreement has been reached and a woman living next to the restaurant would have access to her property through the restaurant's parking lot.

Jarvis said he did not see anything that would stop people from blocking that easement and he also said the property owners did not follow proper steps in getting the property rezoned.

Another rezoning measure passed Thursday calls for rezoning 400 Margaret Ave. to house insurances offices. The vote on that measure was

Jarvis voted against the measure saying he questioned if the property would have the required parking spaces for that type of business. A representative of the insurance firm said six parking spaces would be available.

A third rezoning ordinance was stricken from the record at the request of the property owner. It had sought to rezone 1611 N. 25th St. for an archery shop.

In other business, the council voted 7-1 to install a stop sign on Idaho Street at Barton Avenue. William Price voted against that bill.

The stop sign ordinance received much discussion. The council's committee on traffic had issued an unfavorable report on the stop sign based on a study by the engineer's office.

Councilman Pete Chalos said a oneday study by the engineer's office does not account for everything at an intersection such as pedestrians and children playing. Price suggested a more involved study at the intersection prior to voting on the ordinance.

Also at Thursday's meeting:

- · The council passed an ordinance to remove the existing traffic flasher at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Lost Creek.
- Sue Clokey of the Terre Haute Tennis Association thanked the council for resurfacing improvements made at the Rea Park tennis courts.

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#### Civil Rights Suit Filed

A \$1 million civil rights damage suit has been filed in the Terre Haute Division of the U.S. District Court by SF Leasing, Inc., formerly Vego Chemical Corp., and two other plaintiffs against the city of Terre Haute, some city councilmen and other defendants.

The suit, filed Nov. 9, asks for a temporary and permanent injunction enjoining the defendants from enforcing provisions of Special Ordinance 42 adopted Aug. 9 by the City Council. This ordinance, according to the suit, reclassified the property of the company at 1617 Idaho St. from a light industrial classification to a two-family residential classification. The ordinance rescinded the 1975 ordinance.

Plaintiffs are SF Leasing, Inc., which changed the name from Vego Chemical Corp. January, 1978; CP Industries and RPS Industries, Inc., all listed at the 1617 Idaho St. address.

The suit also seeks a declaratory judgment as to whether Ordinance 42 is invalid in whole or in part by reason of "contravening the provisions of the U.S. Constitution" and the state constitution. The suit further states Special Ordinance 9 in 1975 reclassified the property from a two-family residential district to a light industry M-1 category. The plaintiffs allege the property is "valueless for residential purposes and the ordinance (passed Aug. 9) has prohibited the plaintiffs from carrying on their business."

Prior to the enactment of Ordinance 42, the plaintiff's business was interrupted and the facilities partially destroyed by fire, the suit further states. A major fire gutted the industrial site on June 8 of this year. A previous fire occurred at the same site July 1, 1975. After receiving complaints from outraged citizens living near the industry, the city council acted this summer, as one councilman said, "to protect the welfare of the neighborhood.

The suit alleges also that Pete Chalos, as city councilman, one of the defendants named, directed or threatened to direct the city building inspector to refuse to issue building permits to the plaintiffs so they could not rebuild and recommence operations until the Ordinance 42 could be passed.

The suit also alleges the city fire

department was "induced to withhold their report on the plaintiff's fire to delay receipt of insurance proceeds."

The suit further alleges six of the defendants failed to refer Ordinance 42 to the Area Plan Commission for a hearing as required to deprive the plaintiffs of a hearing in order to insure passage with six of nine votes.

A spokesman for the Area Plan Commission, Paul S. Smith, executive director, confirmed the commission did not make a recommendation on the ordinance, but said it is unclear whether the commission does have the responsibility to act on an ordinance to rescind previous legislation. He said the commission does take action on ordinances to rezone property.

The six defendants named are Chalos, Kenneth Thomas, William Jarvis, Norma Spork, A.C. Malooley and Balph Carrett

and Ralph Garrett.

The suit also alleges J. Stephen Vallely, city housing inspector, also named a defendant, issued an order Aug. 10 for removal of any and all structures from the premises and otherwise convert it to premises conforming with the R-2 zoning.

Other defendants named are David S. Farris, Renetta J. Farris, Earl Davis, Ethel Davis, Darrell W. Bemis, Jean Bemis, Doris Dicus and Wayne Dicus. Mrs. Dicus confirmed she and these defendants are members of the Central Southside Association which claimed the chemical business twice violated city ordinances.

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### Stop signs draw council opinions

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Is every stop sign approved by the City Council really needed?

That question was discussed by the City Council and City Engineer Jim Burdick Thursday night when the council met in regular monthly session at the City Hall Courtroom.

Four stop sign ordinances received council action Thursday and two of them were passed although the engineering department had recommended against them.

The City Council reviews a variety of other business; story, page 11.

During a discussion period Thursday, Councilman Larry Kirchner said the council recently has been putting up stop signs regardless of what the engineering department recommends. "If we're not going to take their recommendations, why pay 'em?." he asked.

When a stop sign ordinance is proposed, the engineering department studies the intersection.

Burdick said the following criteria are used when considering a stop sign recommendation: accident history at the site, the volume of traffic, speed of vehicles and visibility of an intersection.

"I feel this data we use is as good as you're going to find," Burdick said. He said the study warrants are based on federal and state highway research.

Council member William Price said he thought "political pressures"

have resulted in some of the stop signs being put up through the years.

Councilman member Pete Chalos answered, "I think most of us have been very diligent in driving out to these places" and studying them. He said he did not like the "insinuation" that after one telephone call from a resident "we go out and throw up a stop sign."

Jack Neaderhiser, council president, said the council members "live in these districts year in and year out" and they do study an intersection when they receive calls on one.

Burdick suggested that before any council member submit a stop sign ordinance he or she should come to the engineer's office so information can be obtained on the site in question.

Later in the meeting, stop sign ordinances came up for a vote. One of them called for stop signs on Woodlawn Ave. at Maiden Lane and another sought stop signs on both 31st Street and Buckeye Street and on Buckeye Street at 31st Street.

Both of those ordinances were approved by a 6-3 vote. The engineer's depeartment recommended yield signs on both intersections instead of stop signs.

Council members Kirchner, Price and Asa Malooley voted against the stop sign measures. They voted together on motions to follow the engineering department proposals, but those notions were defeated.

However, not all recommendations of the engineer's office were ignored. One ordinance called for stop signs on Berne Avenue at 21st Street. The engineers recommended stop signs on 21st Street instead of Berne. The council amended the ordinance and approved the recommendation 9-0.

Another ordinance calling for stop signs on 22nd Street at Clay and Orleans and on Clay and Orleans at 22nd was stricken from the record. The engineer's office said multi-way stop signs were not needed there.

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## Rezoning ordinances up before City Council session Thursday

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Ordinances to rezone various pieces of property dominate the agenda for the City Council's December public hearing set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

The "sunshine" session is a hear-

The "sunshine" session is a hearing scheduled to allow comment on ordinances to received action next week when the council meets in re-

gular session.

One ordinance scheduled to be discussed Thursday seeks to rezone 1513, 1509, and 1501 N. Sixth St. for offstreet parking to serve a medical sciences building. Union Hospital is petitioning for the zoning change, according to documents filed at City Hall.

Medical services also figure into an ordinance seeking to rezone 1762 and 1762½ N. Seventh St. That ordinance seeks rezoning for an office of general medicine specializing in the field of psychiatry.

Another ordinance seeks to rezone the northwest corner of North Third Street and Eighth Avenue for the establishment of another medical practice, according to records.

Other items on Thursday's agenda include a measure to rezone property

on Haythorne Avenue between 14 and 14½ streets for a retail heating and air conditioner office.

Rezoning also is being sought through an ordinance for 2237 Locust St., records indicated. The petitioner proposes to sell the property to a person intending to use it for a furnace company warehouse.

Also on the agenda is an ordinance to rezone 601 Poplar St. as a community commerce designation.

Downtown traffic could be affected by ordinances concerning parking on Sixth Street between Wabash Avenue and Ohio Street.

Two ordinances for that stretch of street are to be discussed. One measure seeks to remove an existing "no parking" zone on the west side of the street, and the other one would create "no parking" on the other east

side of the street.

Council members also are scheduled to discuss a measure that would require stop signs on Warren. Street at its intersection with 22nd Street.

Some old business that was tabled last month may be discussed Thurs-

day night.

Included among that business is an ordinance to add \$5 to the cost of all criminal traffic and city ordinance violations in City Court. That extra money is to be paid into the fund of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program of Vigo County. The council tabled that matter last month

Another holdover of council business is a bill to establish a "no parking" zone on the south side of Sycamore Street from between Eighth and Ninth streets.

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### Council gives OK to bond issue

By BRYAN TAYLOR
Tribune Staff Writer979

In one of its busiest meetings of the year, the City Council Thursday night approved a resolution approving the issuance of up to \$1 million in revenue bonds to help finance part of the expansion at Hercules Inc.

Also at Thursday's meeting, which lasted two and one-half hours, the council held in committee a resolution calling for the compensation of police officers for overtime work during this fiscal year and approved four rezoning ordinances.

Rick Shagley, attorney representing Hercules in the bond issue, said the council's action is just one of the first steps in issuance of the bonds. More approvals, including one at the county level, are needed prior to any bonds being issued, he said.

The resolution adopted Thursday night said the bond issue will not

obligate the city or the state in any

The bond issue is being sought to finance the electrical portion of Hercules' film plant expansion. A total of \$60 million in expansion is planned for the local plant, Shagley said.

The plant's expansion will supply approximately 200 new jobs and about \$3 million in additional payroll, Shagley reported to the council. Expansion at the plant started in the spring and the total work is expected to be complete in November of 1980, according to a company official.

On the resolution for police overtime, the eight council members present tabled the matter by voice vote. Some council members questioned how much the overtime would cost and how many officers would be affected.

Some overtime pay is being sought for police officers for work performed this fiscal year.

The approval resolution may not have a chance to be passed this year because Thursday's meeting was scheduled to be the last regular session until January, according to Council President Jack Neaderhiser.

The four rezoning ordinances that were passed with a unanimous vote were for the following addresses:

• 1513, 1509, 1507 and 1501 N. Sixth St. to provide parking space to serve a medical sciences building and Union Hospital.

• 601 Poplar St. for a service station and car rental agency.

• 1762 and 1762½ St. for a doctor's office.

• 2237 Locust St. for a warehouse. An ordinance to rezone property at 14th Street and Haythorne Avenue for a retail heating and air conditioner office was stricken from the record at the petitioner's request.

Another rezoning ordinance to allow a medical practice at the northwest corner of Third Street and Eighth Avenue was held in committee.

Also held in committee Thursday was an ordinance that would add four dollars to criminal traffic and city ordinance violations in City Court for the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program of Vigo County. That action was taken after meeting with Division Five Judge Robert Brown. His court heads up the rehabilitation program.

Ordinances that will move parking from the east side of Sixth Street between Wabash Avenue and Ohio Street to the west side of the street also were approved by the council.

City Engineer Jim Burdick appeared before the council and reported the change will help improve traffic flow on that busy portion of the downtown street.

Another traffic ordinance coming before the council failed to pass with a 4-4 vote. It called for no parking on the south side of Sycamore Street between Eighth and Ninth streets.

In other business, council members amended a stop sign ordinance for 22nd Street at Warren Street to cover 20th Street at Warren Street. The amended ordinance then was tabled so the engineering department could study the intersection.

Much of the council's time Thursday night was spent approving 17 resolutions authorizing transfer of money within various city departments. Those transfers came in the following departments: park, street, cemetery regents, City Hall maintenance, fire, controller, legal, police and engineer.

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### City Council elects Newly closted City Council President T JAN 8 1980

Newly elected City Council President Kenneth Thomas said Tuesday morning he plans to announce his council committee appointments

Thursday night.

Thomas, a two-term veteran of the council, was elected president for 1980 during a meeting Monday night at City Hall. He is beginning his third consecutive term on the council. Norma Spork was elected to be vice president.

The Fifth District representative was elected president over council member Larry Kirchner by a 6-3

vote.

Kirchner, a councilman-at-large, was nominated by Councilman William Price. Kirchner received votes from Price, William Jarvis and himself. Thomas, nominated by Miss Spork, got votes from Judith Anderson, Ray Azar, June Hanley, Jack Neaderhiser, Spork and himself.

Thomas succeeds Neaderhiser as president. Thomas has served as council president on

three previous occasions.

The new council president is a coowner of the Esquire Barber Shop.



Thomas

Spork

Committees operated by the council last year were: Finance, Contracts and Franchises; Planning, Zoning and Improvements; Parks, Public Property and Governmental Affairs; and Traffic, Safety, Special Health and Welfare.

The council's next meeting is to be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when it is scheduled to meet in regular monthly

session.

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#### Police overtime plan passes

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A resolution approving overtime compensation for some police officers was passed by the City Council Thursday night in a close vote.

Four of the seven council members present voted for the measure. One councilman, William Jarvis, voted against the resolution, and council members Pete Chalos and William Price abstained from voting. Casting votes in favor of the measure were Larry Kirchner, Norma Spork, Kenneth Thomas and Ralph "Hank" Garrett.

The council approved overtime pay totalling about \$14,208 for 36 officers. In addition to those persons, 17 other officers were approved to receive time off in 1980 for overtime claimed this year.

The vote came after about 25 minutes of discussion on the overtime

payment. Last week, the council met on the resolution for about an hour and a half.

Most of the councilmen spoke in favor of the officers receiving the overtime pay, but also said the city administration "passed the buck" to the council. Some questioned if council approval really was needed and they said they thought the administration could have gone ahead and paid the overtime.

In explaining his vote on the resolution, Jarvis said he supported the overtime payment, but the administration should go ahead and pay the overtime. "I'm sick and tired of having the buck passed to the council." he added.

Price explained his abstension by saying, "The mayor, in my opinion, has the power to pay the police officers so let him pay 'em'"

officers so let him pay 'em."
Prior to the voting, Chalos said

previous outgoing administrations did not ask for council approval to pay police overtime, "so why doesn't the mayor just pay it and get it over with?"

Mayor William J. Brighton attended Thursday's meeting and said the administration did not pay the overtime because a State Board of Accounts representative instructed City Controller Joan Hetherington not to pay it unless there was some authorization by the council.

Under questioning from Chalos, attorney William Teeguarden, police legal advisor, said it was his opinion the administration could have gone ahead and paid the overtime. However, he said if he were controller he would have delayed overtime payment if instructed to do so by the State Board of Accounts.

In voting for the overtime resolution, Kirchner said maybe the administration should have gone ahead and paid the overtime, but "that has little or nothing to do with these fellows (police officers)."

Although Thomas voted for the overtime payment, he said the department should get its regulations clear on overtime payment. He said testimony before the council indicated some officers were not allowed to get overtime while others had a limit of 18 hours.

The list submitted to the council indicated 36 officers are seeking payment for overtime worked this year. Reports from the controllers's office indicated the police salary account will have \$148,271 available for extra payments.

Among those seeking payment, 11 are detectives, 14 are patrolmen, seven are sergeants and three are lieutenants. The officers seeking time off for compensation include one sergeant and 16 patrolmen.

The largest amount of overtime claimed by one officer was 352 hours. He is a sergeant in the detective division. The lowest amount of overtime claimed was two hours for a patrolman.

In a meeting last week, officers said the normal departmental procedure was to have officers compensated for overtime with days off. However, that was not possible this year because of a manpower shortage on the the force, they said.

#### JARVIS TAKES TRUCK 1 2 1980 DRIVERS TO COURT

City Councilman Bill Jarvis has always taken a special interest in zoning and building code enforcement within the city. For years he has been concerned about large semi-trucks that go in and out of neighborhoods, including his own area. He has tried to get policemen to enforce the ban on them with little luck.

Jarvis finally decided to do something about two specific semis and on May 7, 1979 he obtained warrants for truckers at 2615 N. 27th Street and 2515 N. 28th Street.

The complaints charged each man with "...driving and operating a vehicle used for the transportation of goods or property, the gross weight of which, with legal load, exceeded five (5) tons, upon the streets within the City limits of Terre Haute ...." The violation is taken from General Ordinance 1, 1964.

Jarvis says it took a long time to get the papers served, about two months. "Now getting a trial held turns out to be another big problem," he noted.

According to City Court records, postponements occurred in August, September, November and December. Currently trial of the men is scheduled for 10:30 on Jan. 7, 1980.

"I understand there's been a change of judge and a change of attorney. I keep appearing for trial and nothing happens," Jarvis said.

"I don't really think it's my job to be doing this anyhow. It's not a councilman's reponsibility to have to get warrants against people. It's the job of the city inspection department to see that this law is enforced, as well as other ordinances.

"I believe there will be a real change under the new administration. The people deserve one," the outspoken Jarvis added. "In the meantime, I will follow through myself on these two violations."

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## Stop sign ordinances main

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The use of stop signs in the city was once again was a topic of conversation by the City Council when it met in regular monthly session Thursday

Two proposed stop sign ordinances sparked the most discussion at the

meeting.

One ordinance sought a stop sign on 20th Street at Warren Street. It failed to pass with a 4-4 tie vote. The other stop sign ordinance for 11th Street and Washington Avenue was stricken from the record 5-3.

When the sign for 20th and Warren street came up for council vote, Councilman Larry Kirchner reported the city engineer's office recommended against installation of the sign because the intersection did not meet any of the state and federal traffic requirements for a stop sign.

"It behooves us to use the people we put in these offices," Kirchner said of the engineering department. At a previous council discussion of stop signs he asked, "If we're not going to take their recommendations, why pay 'em?" Some stop signs have been approved by the council despite an engineering recommendation against it.

Councilman William Jarvis said the elected council members also should be listened to when consider-

ing a stop sign.
"Either we pass this to protect the people in the neighborhood, or we

leave them out to protect the people who drive through the neighborhood," Jarvis said.

As the meeting progressed, Councilman Ray Azar said the engineering report should be considered in stop sign requests, but there are unique situations at intersections.

Speaking in agreement, Council President Kenneth Thomas said the engineering studies do not take pedestrian traffic into account.

Kirchner said some areas such as schools or parks do require special consideration for pedestrian traffic, but none of the recent stop sign ordinances have affected such areas.

"Just because we voted against two (stop sign measures) tonight doesn't mean we will in the future,' said council member Judith An-

In other business Thursday, the council passed 8-0 an ordinance to rezone the northwest corner of Eighth Avenue and Third Street for a medical practice.

Another rezoning ordinance passed Thursday night will rezone 901, 905 and 913 Lafayette Ave. for expansion of parking facilities at the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at 901 Lafayette Ave.

A resolution directing the City Clerk to assess \$5 in court costs for the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program was stricken from the council record.

Also on Thursday, Thomas announced his committee assignments for 1980. They are:

· Committee on finance, contracts and franchises— Jack Neaderhiser, chairperson, Kirchner, vice chairpersons, June Hanley, Ray Azar and Thomas.

· Committee on planning, zoning and improvements- Mrs. Hanley, chairperson, Price, vice chairperson, Norma Spork, Neaderhiser, and Thomas

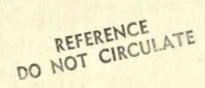
 Committee on parks, public property and governmental affairs— Mrs. Anderson, chairperson, William Jarvis, vice chairperson, Kirchner, Neaderhiser and Thomas.

 Committee on traffie, safety, special health and welfare- Azar, chairperson, Miss Spork, vice chairperson, Price, Jarvis and Mrs. Anderson.

Three of the committee heads are first-term council members. Thomas said they can provide fresh ideas to the council.

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## Housing policy, rezoning covered by City Council

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A fair housing policy and two rezoning ordinances were approved by the City Council when it met in regular monthly session Thursday night at City Hall.

All action taken by the council under old business met with no opposition and little discussion.

Next month's council session should see more conversation, however, because of ordinances introduced into council proceedings on first reading Thursday night.

Among those bills were ordinances: to remove downtown parking meters and establish a two-hour parking limit; and to increase the salary of Police Department assistant chiefs.

The assistant police chief pay increase received some discussion Thursday night when police Sgt. Joe Azar addressed the council and presented it with a salary schedule for police officers. Azar is one of the police officers who have joined to file a lawsuit against Mayor Pete Chalos' appointment of two assistant police chiefs.

Azar was told to return to the council in March when the ordinance will come up for discussion at a "sunshine" hearing set for March 6.

The fair housing policy approved Thursday night would make it unlawful to discriminate in the area of housing because of a person's race, creed, color, sex, national origin or anscestry.

The policy is to be administered by the city attorney. The measure carries a penalty of a fine not less than \$100 or not more than \$300 for violation of its provisions.

One of the rezoning measures approved classifies some property in the 2700 block of S. Center St. as a

general residential district for a duplex.

The other rezoning ordinance will allow a law office at 1446 S. Seventh St.

A third rezoning bill was held in committee for further study Thursday night. It would rezone 2840 N. 14½ St. for a mobile home.

Also approved Thursday night were ordinances appropriating \$1,400 for part of the city's data processing manager salary and \$39,000 to help meet utility costs at Hyte Community Center. The appropriation for the data processing manager was improperly listed in this year's budget when it was approved last year.

New non-emergency vehicles purchased by the city will have to have an EPA mileage rating of at least 20 miles a gallon under a resolution adopted by the council Thursday night.

Council members also approved an ordinance increasing some of the fees paid in relation to zoning matters.

In another matter Thursday night, council members approved "No turn on red" at the following intersec-

tions: 19th Street and Eighth Avenue; and Sixth and Hulman streets.

Preceding Thursday's voting, the council allowed a public discussion period where a man who owns property at 2140 Hendricks said the city should have its code book updated.

Mayor Pete Chalos reported a private firm has been contacted about recodifying all current city ordinances so they can be put in one book

A city code book was put together in 1964 with some revisions added since that time. However, some of the later ordinances adopted into law can be found only in City Council records, according to reports.

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## Hearing held on city's proposed use of revenue sharing funds

A public hearing on the city's proposed uses of 1980 federal revenue sharing money was conducted Monday afternoon by the City Council.

Only three media representatives were present in addition to four council members, Mayor Pete Chalos, interim city controller Tharon Geckeler, City Clerk Edward "Nick" Peters and his deputy, Debbie Kirk.

The hearing was necessary because a hearing conducted on the funds last year was not properly advertised, according to Chalos. Such hearings need to be advertised 10 days in advance and the notice was not given that much in advance last year, he explained.

State and federal officials recommended the city conduct another series of hearings to let people comment on proposed uses prior to the money being spent, the mayor said.

Terre Haute is eligible for \$993,000 in federal revenue sharing funds this year, Mrs. Geckeler said.

In this year's budget (passed last year) a total of \$769,000 in federal

revenue sharing money was obligated.

Items for which the money was committed include 65 adult school crossing guards, a police legal advisor, a police analyst, a juvenile counselor, four civilian radio operators for the Police Department, two Police Department clerks, an infant care feeding program and salary increases for police officers and firefighters.

None of the federal revenue sharing money has been spent this year, Chalos said. People who receive part or all of their salaries from it are being paid with advances from the city's general fund. That money will be replaced with the revenue sharing money once it can be spent, he explained.

Citizens will have another chance to comment on the federal funds at a public hearing set for 7 p.m. Monday. The council is to act on an ordinance appropriating the money Jan. 28.

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#### Meet Terre Haute's council members: The people who chart city's course

Tribune Staff Writer Changes in Terre Haute that involve the city as a whole or individual neighborhoods are decided once a month by nine persons who are unknown to many.

Those nine people make up the Terre Haute City Council. Many times the only thing the public knows about its council representatives is how to spell their names.

Those "names" meet at least once a month to act on various matters including such things as the city tax rate, neighborhood zoning changes or a stop sign on a corner. These nine people may be council members, but they also work in Terre Haute and are affected by the same problems faced by the people who elected them.

The political makeup of the council, which started a new term in January, is eight Democrats and one

Three women and six men sit on the current council. The number of women is unique to the local council because only one woman served on the previous council.

The average age of council members is 44.6 years — with the oldest member veteran councilman William Jarvis, 71, and the youngest member Ray Azar, 30.

In terms of education, eight council members are high school graduates and one has passed a high school graduate equivalency test. Three of those persons have graduated from college and three others have attended college classes. One councilman attended barber school in training for his occupation and another has attended various training

Just who are the people who serve on the Terre Haute City Council? What are their interests? What are their backgrounds? TRIBUNE Staff Writer Bryan Taylor provides answers to these questions in this special report.

classes put on by his employer.

The occupational makeup of the council shows a variety of jobs for the representatives.

Serving on the council are a realtor, a barber, a telephone company supervisor, an elementary school principal, a chief deputy in an assessor's office, a paint company president who also works in real estate investment, a housewife who works part-time in a department store, another housewife who works part-time in a bridal shop and once taught school, and a retiree who used to work as a carpenter at Quaker

Just how the backgrounds of the council members will blend in the decision-making process during the next four years remains to be seen. However, the legislators do have some ideas as to what direction they would like to see the council take.

Topics mentioned by council members during interviews with the TRIBUNE included good fiscal management of city operations, cleaning up the city, attracting new

industry and attention to zoning.

New council member Azar said the city will need to institute "efficient management" and streamline various operations so the current level of service can be maintained amid inflationary pressures. Some departments could share equipment, he said.

Azar's concern was similar to that of council member June Hanley, who said council menbers will have to be "be more involved and find out where they can cut (financial) corners in city operations.'

William Price, the only Republican on the council, said he became involved with the council because he "been disenchanted with the way... tax dollar(s) (are) spent.' More efficency in spending for city operations can be reached with more

planning, he said.
Getting "the most for our money" also was stressed by Council President Kenneth Thomas, who emphasized the council's need to provide help in securing new industry through council approval of industrial re-

Growth of business and the revitalization of the downtown area

were concerns voiced by council member Larry Kirchner. "I feel like our tax base is slowly eroding in Terre Haute," he said. To help entice industry the city

needs to be cleaned up through enforcement of various environmental ordinances, according to council member Norma Spork.

'Cleaning the city up' through enforcement of laws already on the books was the concern voiced by Jarvis. "It makes me shudder when I hear it called Pride City when it's as dirty as it is," he said.

Once a good cleanup program is

under way, it will "snowball" and people will have more pride and begin keeping their residences clean on their own, said councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

Council member Judith Anderson said one of the main concerns of the people she represents, a district with many historic homes, will be zoning. The people in that district want to keep their neighborhoods zoned for single or double family dwellings, she

Council members echo similar thoughts about their jobs and their city, but early indications show each council member can vote his or her

own individual thoughts.

No "controversial" item has come
before the council so far, but in January eight members present split on a stop sign ordinance and another stop sign measure was stricken from the record 5-3. During this month's meeting, the nine members voted unanimously on all actions.

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When discussing operations of the council, many council members stressed their desire for input from the people they represent.

One person expected to provide council input is Mayor Pete Chalos, a

former two-term councilman. He has been commended by some of the council members for his organization of personnel and for his enforcement of various city laws previously not



June Hanley Represents First District. She is 36 years of age, a part-time department store employee, married and a mother. She is a graduate of high school and attended college for two years. Mrs. Hanley is new to the council this



William Price -Represents Second District. He is 33 years of age, married, a father and president of Westwood Paint Store - along with being in the real estate investment business. He is a high school graduate and an ISU graduate with a degree in life sciences. He filled a council vacancy last year and started his first elected term this



Represents Third District. He is 30 years of age, married, a father and the principal at Fairbanks Elementary School. Education in-cludes high school graduation and degrees in education from Indiana State University. He is beginning his first council term.





Kenneth Thomas Represents Fifth District. He is 53 years old, a barber, co-owner of the Esquire Barber Shop, married and a father. He is a high school graduate and a barber school graduate. Although he has a real estate license, he is not active in that field. Thomas is starting his ninth year on the council and he is this year's president.







Jack Neaderhiser -

Represents Fourth Dis-

trict. He is 58 years of

age, married, a father, a

supply field supervisor

for General Telephone

Co., and a former state

legislator. He is a high

school graduate' with

various management

training seminars

through his employer.

This year marks the

start of his third council

William Jarvis - Atlarge council representative. He is 71 years of age, married, a father and a retiree from Quaker Maid, where he worked as a carpenter. He has passed an equivalency test for high school. The council veteran is starting his fourth term. He has served from 1964 to 1968 and from 1972 to the present.



Larry Kirchner At-large council representative. He is 31 years old, married, a father and a local realtor. He is a high school graduate and has attended college. He is starting his second consecutive council term.



Norma Spork - Atlarge council representative. She is 53 years of age, a high school graduate and chief deputy in the Harrison Township Assessor's Office. She also has worked in a distillery and in various government offices. She is starting her fourth year on the council.

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#### City To Purchase High-Mileage Cars

Future purchases of all nonemergency vehicles by the city administration would require those vehicles to have an EPA rating of a least 20 miles per gallon, according to an ordinance passed Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council.

Sponsor of the legislation, Councilman Ray Azar, said the ordinance pertains only to future purchases of city non-emergency vehicles. He said the ordinance does not mandate city officials to immediately trade currently used vehicles for the newer economical autos. The ordinance is effective March 1.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser proposed city officials purchase only American-made vehicles, but the amendment was not supported by fellow councilmen. The majority of the councilmen said to specify only American-made vehicles would be too restrictive.

The ordinance approved by the council also requires all city vehicles to be identified with a city insignia.

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#### City Council Recommends Elderly Couple Ask For Variance On Current Zoning

By J. BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

City councilmen Thursday night recommended an elderly couple seek a zoning variance rather than ask the council to bend the rules governing the zoning of mobile homes.

Councilmen met Thursday night to discuss ordinances scheduled to be voted on at the Feb. 14 meeting. No official action was taken on legislation discussed at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams petitioned the council for conditional mobile home use on property at 2840 N. 141/2 St. The couple already has located the mobile home on the property because of a temporary zoning variance granted by County Court Judge Robert H. Brown. The couple wants to reside at the site because it is near their son's home and they require his personal care.

James A. Lewis, attorney for the petitioners, said it was an emergency situation to allow the couple to reside there. He asked the council approve the zoning request pursuant to a hardship clause in the zoning law.

Councilnan William Jarvis recommended the petitioners seek a zoning variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals rather than having the city council change its rules on mobile home zoning. Jarvis said the zoning law requires the mobile home be situated on an area of at least 20,000 sq. ft. The Williams mobile home is located on 15,600 sq. ft., according to Lewis.

"It's for certain we do not want to force a couple out of their home in the middle of the winter. I think it would be the couple's best bet to ask for a hardship ruling from the board of zoning appeals," said Councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

Lewis said he would file a petition with the board of zoning appeals before he requests the ordinance be withdrawn from council consideration.

Although not a part of matters expected to be discussed Thursday night, the council heard a lengthy explanation on the procedure used to determine whether stop signs and traffic signals should be installed. City Engineer Louis Glascock, Vigo County Area Planning Director Paul S. Smith, and Bill Peters, transportation director for the area plan agency, explained the procedure.

The group said the departments will work in cooperation with the city police department in investigating intersections where stop signs and traffic signals have been requested.

"It will be an investigation based on engineering principles," Smith told the council.

Glascock said stop signs could alleviate the problem of speeding motorists, but said excessive stopping and starting at intersections would have an influence on gasoline consumption and wear on a vehicle.

Councilmen heard from Mayor Pete Chalos regarding a bill creating a fair housing policy in Terre Haute. Chalos said the ordinance prohibits discrimination against persons wanting to purchase or occupy housing because of race, creed, color, sex or ancestry. The mayor said the city would be in compliance with state law if the fair housing policy was passed. The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the legislation and Chalos said the city could lose federal funding assistance if the ordinance is not passed.

The council also discussed:

A bill to rezone property at 1446

S. Seventh St. Terre Haute attorney Woodrow S. Nasser intends to locate his law office at the site.

- A bill to rezone property in the 2700-block of S. Center St. The petitioner, John Hartmann, intends to construct a duplex at the site.

- A bill to appropriate \$39,000 for contractual services at Charles T. Hyte Community Center.

- A bill to appropriate \$1.400 for the salary of the city's data processing manager. Tharon Geckeler, interim city controller, said the salary was not properly listed in the 1980 budget and the additional \$1,400 brings the salary in line with the 1979 salary. She said the employee is not being given a salary increase.

Tom Champion, president of the Retired Policemen and Firemen Association, addressed the council on an ordinance which is to be introduced on first reading at the Feb. 14 council session. Champion wants the fire station at Eighth and Idaho streets to be designated a historical building and said it would be preserved by the association. He said historical firefighting and police equipment would be displayed in the building.

## Council discusses 20 proposed ordinances

The City Council met for three hours Thursday night to discuss 20 proposed ordinances that will come up for its consideration next week at its regular monthly meeting.

Ordinances dealing with parking meters and police pay were points of major discussion Thursday night, but numerous other measures received a hearing by the council at its "sunshine" meeting.

One of the ordinances calls for arrangements to use Fire Station No. 9 at Eighth and Idaho streets as a museum with the assistance of the Retired Police and Firemen's Association.

Current plans call for that station to go out of active use when a new station is completed at Indiana 63 and Margaret Avenue.

Tom Champion, president of the association, told council members "if we do not preserve what we have now" future generations will not have

anything to study of their past.

Some grant funds could be a possibility for preserving the station if it is put on the national register of historic landmarks, Champion told the council. An effort also is being initiated to solicit funds for the station from the general public, he said.

In other business Thursday night, the council discussed eight rezoning ordinances.

Two of those measures received some opposition from persons present at the meeting. The bills seek rezoning tree-trimming service at 2509 S. 13th St. and for a masonry warehouse at 3115 N. 14½ St.

Another rezoning measure received some vocal opposition from city council members. It seeks to rezone 2840 N. 14½ St. for a mobile home.

One rezoning ordinance received both opposition and support at the meeting. It calls for rezoning 1611 N. 25th St. for an archery shop. Petitions were presented in support of and against the measure.

Other rezoning ordinances discussed Thursday night seek to rezone: 1701 Hulman St. for apartments; property at 14th and Plum streets for heavy industry by Doxsee Foods Corp.; 2601 S. Seventh St. for an antique shop; and property reportedly on Margaret Avenue between 25th and 30th streets.

Also discussed Thursday night were ordinances to:

• Appropriate \$5,000 from federal revenue sharing money to purchase a 10,000-gallon gasoline tank for the Police Department which currently has a 1,000-gallon tank.

 Appropriate \$1,000 to fund an increase in the city clerk's chief deputy salary because of a reported increased work load.

• Establish a stop sign on 20th Street at Warren Street.

 Establish a parking zone on 9½ Street for Fire Department personnel serving at the station in the 10 block of South Ninth Street.

 Amend the part of the salary schedule for Street Department employees because of a reported publishing error.

 Annex the Wastewater Treatment Plant into city limits.

Annex Hulman Links Golf Course into city limits.

### No opposition on meter bill

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

No opposition was voiced on a proposed ordinance to remove city parking meters when the measure was discussed by the City Council during a "sunshine" session Thursday night.

Another ordinance that received major discussion was one calling for a pay raise for the rank of assistant police chief. Ordinances only were discussed Thursday night and they will be up for action when the council meets in regular session next week.

The meter ordinance would remove all city meter heads and establish a two-hour parking limit during business hours in an area generally bounded by and including Fourth Street, Ohio Street, Eighth Street, Cherry Street and Mulberry Street.

Council President Kenneth Thomas sponsored the meter ordinance and said he thinks the meters "have been a losing proposition in past years." Without the meters the city would not have the expense of a meter mechanic or of a person to collect meter money.

The ordinance states meter removal would provide greater conveMore on activity at the City Council session; story, page 6.

nience to persons using downtown businesses.

Enforcement of the two-hour limit would be done with issuance of a parking ticket.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and its Downtown Business Council spoke to the city legislators in favor of the parking meter removal. Judy Critchlow of the Downtown Business Council presented a petition with about 25 signatures of downtown merchants in support of the ordinance.

When the assistant police chief ordinance came up for discussion, police Sgt. Joe Azar addressed the council

Azar said he was not opposed to a pay raise for the rank of assistant chief, but he does feel patrolmen and other officers should be given a proportional increase in their salaries. He said apparently no money was available for salary increases this year when the city budget was adopted last year, but some appears

to be available now.

The ordinance also was questioned by Azar on the basis of economics. Azar said Mayor Pete Chalos has reparted a east-flow problem because of county tax collection problems and asked city departments to curtail expenses as much as possible.

On another economic matter, Azar reported Police Chief Gerald Loudermilk asked officers to increase foot patrols to decrease gasoline use because of potential budget problems. Loudermilk said today he did request the increased foot patrols, but with a two-fold purpose — to fulfill a Chalos campaign promise and to save on fuel.

Azar also asked the council wait on deciding the pay raise until a court suit is settled on the matter of two assistant chiefs. He and three other officers have filed suit challenging two assistant chiefs on the department. They have claimed the two appointments are not allowed under the police merit law.

Chalos responded to Azar and a letter by police Lt. Rick Robinson saying it had sounded the city was being told to operate under the previous administration's format. There would be no reason to run for office to be "saddled" with previous plans, he said

Each rank on the department has a pay differential except for captain and assistant chief where the pay is the same, Chalos said. The previous administration had no assistant chief and the differential was not needed, he said. The mayor said he thinks there is a need for a pay differential between captain and assistant chief.

He added that he does not feel total responsibility for the Police Department should be in the hands of one man.

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## Parking Meter Removal, Pay For Assistant Police Chief Face Action

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

Ordinances to remove parking meters downtown and to create a separate pay rank for assistant police chief are expected to be acted on at a Thursday night meeting of the Terre Haute City Council.

Councilmen are to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

At last week's council "sunshine" meeting, the proposal to increase the pay of assistant police chief from \$14,220 to \$17,000 dominated discussion. Police officer Joe Azar asked councilmen to carefully study the ordinance and take into consideration current pay ranks of all city policemen.

Azar emphasized he was not opposed to the pay increase for assistant chief, despite the fact he is a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed against Mayor Pete Chalos and the city administration for allowing Chalos to appoint two assistant chiefs. The case has been venued to Clay Circuit Court.

Mrs. Leslie Robinson, wife of policeman Lt. Rick Robinson, took a more pungent approach to the police salary issue. She read a statement issued by her husband which read in part. "... Members of the city council, where do our priorities lie? In supporting the winning politician? If so, let us know so we can turn our educational endeavors to political science and away from professional police services where many young officers, ignorant of the political arena, have been devoting their efforts."

The economic woes of the downtown business district may not be resolved by it, but city councilmen believe the ordinance to remove parking meters downtown will attract additional persons to shop there. The ordinance is sponsored by Kenneth Thomas, president of the council and a downtown businessman.

"I believe the parking meters have outlived their usefullness." Thomas said at the last council meeting.

The Thomas bill proposes to replace parking meters with a twohour parking enforcement procedure. Meter maids would be used to police the area and write tickets for vehicles parked for more than two hours. Parking meter posts are to remain to designate parking spaces.

Several rezoning ordinances are to be acted on by the council Thursday night. An ordinance to rezone property at 3115 N. 141/2 St., is expected to draw criticism from some residents of the Highland area. The legislation proposes to rezone the property for commercial use by Zigler & Son Masonry Contractors.

## Trash Bill Ready For Council

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

A ordinance which would give any city department the authority to cite property owners for allowing garbage, trash or rank vegetation to exist on their property is to be introduced on first reading at a Thursday night meeting of the city council.

Councilman Bill Jarvis is sponsor of the legislation which gives the city "more teeth" in enforcing health hazard laws currently under the jurisdiction of the Vigo County Board

of Health.

The Jarvis bill specifies it will be the duty of the Department of Inspections or any city department to inspect from time to time the various lots where garbage, trash, rank vegetation or other waste substances are found.

The ordinance includes these provisions:

- The property owner shall be given 10 days upon notice to clean the lot.
- If the owner fails to abate the nuisance, then the Board of Public Works and Safety shall cause the lot to be cleaned of trash and a bill shall be sent to the property owner for the cost of the service to clean the lot. The minimum fee is to be \$25.
- If the property owner, within 90 days, fails to pay the fee for having the lot cleaned, then the Board of Public Works and Safety shall record with the Vigo County Recorder a sworn statement of cost and this shall be applied as a tax lien against the property owner.
- Any person violating any provisions of the ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined an amount not to exceed \$300. The amount of fine would be determined by the City Court Judge hearing the case. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation.

The city already has a weed ordinance with similar enforcement powers.

Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos said the city has a problem with some property owners who fail to keep their property cleaned of trash and garbage. He said the new ordinance, if passed by the council, would give the city the authority to alleviate such problems.

## City Councilmen consider eight rezoning ordinances

Eight rezoning ordinances came before the City Council when it net in regular session Thursday night, but

only five of them were passed.

Among the bills that did not clear the council was one seeking to rezone property at 3115 N. 141/2 St. for a storage warehouse to be used by a masonry firm. The measure received much discussion and the council voted 7-2 to defeat the bill.

Neighbors of the warehouse area spoke against the rezoning.

John Jenkins, 3129 N. 141/2 St., told the council t8at people in the neighborhood were concerned about their property values and fire insurance as a result of the warehouse. "Is our neighborhood going to be turned into a commercial center" he asked the council.

Jenkins, who spoke on behalf of the Highland Neighborhood Association, said a petition with 45 names against the zoning had been secured.

Attorney Rick Shagley, speaking on behalf of the people seeking the zone change, said a building permit had been obtained from the city and the lot in question had been cleaned up.

Councilman Larry Kirchner voted for the rezoning and he said the warehouse site would not hurt property values as much if it were in use rather than if it was to stand idle and deteriorate.

A councilman who voted against the reozoning, William Jarvis, said the area is a residential district and "this council is supposed to uphold

the rights of the people of this city."

Another rezoning ordinance that came before the council Thursday was one seeking a tree-trimming service at 2509 S. 13th St. It was stricken a from the council record on a voice vote:

An ordinance to rezone 2840 N. 141/2 St. For a mobile home was held in committee for further study on a voice vote.

One of the rezoning bills that was passed cleared the council on a close vote of 5-4. That bill calls for an archery shop at 1611 N. 25th St. Petitions in support of and in opposi-

tion to the rezoning had been presented to the council.

The other rezoning ordinances received unanimous council approval. They call for:

• Allowing a one-story office building on about 5.7 acres of land in the

2300 block of Margaret Avenue.
• Rezoning 1701 Hulman St. for apartment use.

 Expansion of Doxsee Foods into new warehouse and parking facilities at 14t and Plum streets.

· An antique shop at 2601 S. Seventh

## Council OKs removal of meters

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

People soon will be able to visit downtown without having to arm themselves with pennies, nickels and dimes to feed parking meters.

The City Council voted 9-0 in regular monthly session Thursday night to remove all parking meters in the city and to establish a two-hour parking restriction on some downtown streets.

Under usual city legislative procedures an ordinance carrying penalties does not become effective until it is passed by the council, signed by the mayor and published twice in legal newspaper advertisements. Mayor Pete Chalos does intend to sign the measure into law, according to a report from his office this morning.

In other council business, approval was granted for an increase in the salary for assistant police chiefs and two annexation measures were okaved.

The meter bill adopted Thursday night would remove all meters and

.The Terre Haute City Council also looked at numerous zoning ordinances Thursday evening; story, page 5.

establish the two-hour parking limit from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in an area generally bounded by and including Fourth Street, Ohio Street, Ninth Street, Cherry Street and Mulberry Street.

Originally the farthest east the two-hour limit would have gone is Eighth Street, but the area was expanded to include Ninth Street on a motion by Councilman Larry Kirchner. The time element in the original bill was altered on a motion by Councilman Ray Azar.

No opposition was voiced on the bill, which was supported by the Downtown Business Council of the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce.

One ordinance that received discussion was to increase the salary for assistant police chief from \$14,220 a vear to \$17,000. The bill was approved

During the discussion period some council members spoke in support of the pay increase, but they said they thought the amount may have been too much.

The city administration sought the raise to differentiate the pay scale between the rank of captain and assistant police chief. (Both ranks have been at the same level.) Chalos has appointed two assistant chiefs and that move is being challenged in a court suit alleging two assistant chiefs are not allowed under the Police Department's merit law.

Prior to the vote, Councilman William Price asked if the administration would object if the council withheld action on the increase until the suit was settled. Chalos said he would object because no matter what happens in court the department still will have at least one assistant police chief.

Two annexation ordinances were adopted on a 9-0 vote by the council Thursday night. The separate measures call for annexation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and of the Hulman Links Golf Course. The ordinances received no opposition and little discussion at the council session.

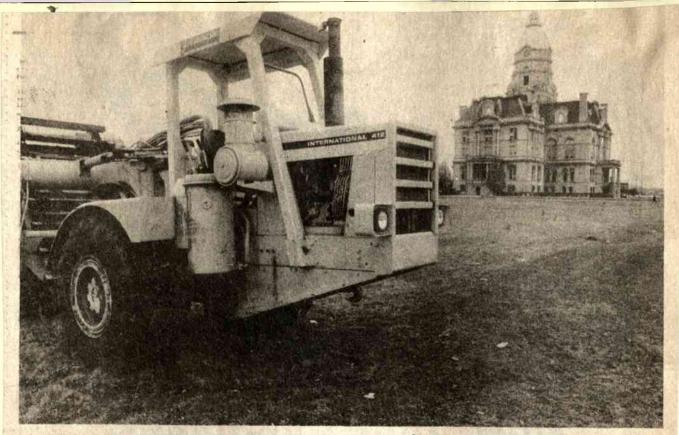
In other council business:

•Unanimous approval was given to a \$1,000 raise to the annual salary of the city clerk's chief deputy because of a reported increased work load in that position.

•The council approved a bill arranging for Fire Station No. 9 to be used as a museum with the assistance of the Retired Police and Fireman's Association. The station, located at Eighth and Idaho streets, is to be closed when a new southside station is complete at Indiana 63 and Margaret Avenue.

•The council voted 5-4 to install stop signs on 20th Street at Warren Street.

•A parking zone for Fire Department personnel was approved on the east of 91/2 Street from Ohio Street north to the first alley.



CONSTRUCTION HALTED TEMPORARILY — Government red tape is blamed for what is expected to be a temporary delay in construction of the new Vigo County Jail at Third Street and Wabash Avenue. As this piece of machinery sets idle, county officials are preparing

paperwork so the Redevelopment Commission can approve site plans. Site plans in the urban redevelopment area must be approved prior to construction.

(Staff Photo: Curt Willis)

#### Councilman Bill Jarvis Wants To Rid City Of 'Trashy' Look

By NELSON L. KINNETT Star Staff Writer

Acting in compliance with the current administration's to enforce as many city laws and ordinances as possible, the Terre Haute City Council will study the ammended trash control ordinance during the regular sunshine meeting of the City Council Thursday.

Councilman William H. Jarvis, originator of the proposed amendment, stated it would allow not only the Public Board of Health Department, but also the City Inspector's Office to issue notification of trash violations and enforce the law to the fullest if the matter isn't taken care of properly.

"Let's face it, Terre Haute is getting to be a grimy town because of the trash problem," Jarvis said Monday in a telephone interview. "And the main reason for this overabundance of trash rests with the Board of Health. They didn't exactly go out of their way to enforce the laws last year ... and now look what's happened

Jarvis praised the City Inspector's Office, headed by Chief Building Inspector Jim Beikman, for doing a good job of keeping the trash problem from getting worse. "They didn't get any help last year and so far not much has happened this year, but if this new ordinance is passed then the inspectors can move freely and with authority backing them," he said.

Beikman is hoping the amendment will pass as well, and believes "this is the only way we can possibly and effectively clean up the city."

The standard procedure taken by either Beikman or the Board of Health usually requires notification at least three days in advance to clean up the trash. If, after this time, the trash is not taken away the notice is turned over to the enforcement division — usually the city attorney — who then takes the violator through the courts. Beikman is leery of the court system because of the way the current ordinance reads.

"As it is stated now," Beikman said, "there is a loophole in the wordage that stipulates only a (something Terre Haute has long since abolished) can issue a violation of the Municipal Trash Ordinance to the guilty party." Beikman thinks the ordinance should be reworded to include "and/or the City Inspector's Office can notify of a violation and follow up the investigation until the problem is solved."

Jarvis is confident about the proposal's outcome. "I believe the present administration is doing a fine job of changing the image of Terre Haute and this ordinance would seem to fit right into the scheme of things."

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### City ordinances discussed

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Discussion of an ordinance concerning health nuisances in the city dominated a City Council "sunshine" hearing Thursday on ordinances to be considered for action next week.

That bill would amend the current ordinance on health nuisances and allow the Department of Inspection to investigate complaints of trash and garbage on city property.

Also discussed Thursday night were a rezoning ordinance and five

traffic ordinances.

The health ordinance amendment received comments of support from the council members and some persons in the audience.

Violation of the health ordinance could result in a property owner going to court and receiving a fine of up to

Building Inspector Jim Beikman, the man whose office will do much of the work to enforce the ordinance, supported the bill.

Beikman did suggest a smaller time period between the initial investigation and enforcement of the law. He also susggested using police to deliver notices to violators instead of using the mail.

Police Chief Gerald Loudermilk told the council he would be against using his officers to deliver violation notices. The department is branching out into various areas and may not have the manpower to undertake such activities.

Mayor Pete Chalos said he thought the inspection department had the

manpower to do the job.

The health measure was praised by most of the council, and Councilman Jack Neaderhiser stated that as a result of the bill and the city administration's cleanup efforts "the City of Terre Haute will have a much better appearance than it ever had

Revenue sharing measures approved

Prior to its discussion hearing Thursday night, the City Council approved three federal revenue sharing appropriations during a special meet-

Those amounts are: \$1,400 to help pay part of the data processing manager's salary; \$39,000 for utilities and upkeep at Hyte Center; and \$5,000 for a new underground gasoline tank at City Hall for police cars.

The measures had come before the council before, but they had to be readvertised and reapproved Thursday night because of an error in advertising.

The council voted unanimously to approve the appropriation or-

before."

In other business Thursday night, the council discussed the proposed rezoning of some property on the east side of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for residential use.

Currently the land is zoned for industry and it is situated between two parcels of residential land, according to reports.

Traffic ordinances discussed

Thursday night call for:

 Putting stop signs on First Avenue at 22nd Street. City Engineer Louis Glascock reported signs already exist at 22nd Street and his department recommended removing those and installing the First Avenue

. To put "No Turn on the Red" signs on all legs of the intersection of Ninth Street, Eighth Avenue and Lafayette Avenue. The engineer's office has recommended approval of the signs.

· Removing stop signs on Ninth Street where it intersects with Grant

Street at a four-way stop.

- · Removing stop signs on Eighth Street at its intersection with Lockport Road and installing signs on Lockport Road at the same intersec-
- To establish one-way traffic south on Eighth Street from Maple Avenue to Lafayette Avenue and one-way traffic north on Ninth Street between Lafayette and Maple avenues.

### Council Expected To Approve Legislation To Clean Up City By J. BLAINE AKERS Comparison To Clean Up City and Ninth Street.

Star Staff Writer

Legislation giving the city administration the authority to clean up Terre Haute is expected to be passed when the city council meets in regular session Thursday night.

Councilmen meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom.

Councilman Bill Jarvis is sponsor of the ordinance which gives the city building inspection office and other city departments the authority to cite property owners who allow trash to accumulate on city lots. The authority currently lies with the county health department.

According to Jarvis, the trash ordinance is a companion bill to the city's weed ordinance. Under both bills, property owners may be cited for violations and allowed 10 days to abate the nuisance. If the problem is not remedied in 10 days, the Board of Works will take action to clean the lot and the cost of this service will be billed to the property owner. If the amount is not paid within 90 days, the

property owner.

Penalties not to exceed \$300 per violation may be assessed against the violator, city officials said.

Councilmen also Thursday night are to consider two traffic ordinances for two northside streets. The ordinances propose to make Eighth Street one-way south from Maple Avenue to Lafavette Avenue and oneway north on Ninth Street between Maple and Lafayette avenues.

Other ordinances to be acted on Thursday night include:

— A proposal to appropriate \$83,600 from the Hulman Links non-reverting fund to the park department operating fund for supplies, equipment and repairs at Hulman Links.

- A bill to install a stop sign at First Avenue and 22nd Street requiring eastbound traffic on First Avenue to stop before entering the intersection.

- An ordinance to establish no turn on red signs at the intersections of Eighth Avenue, Lafayette Avenue

- A request to rezone property east of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for residential use. Petitioners are Mr. and Mrs. Buena Chanev. RR

- Ordinances to remove stop signs at Ninth and Grant streets and to remove stop sign at Eighth Street and Lockport Road and replace it with a stop sign requiring east-west traffic on Locport Road to stop before entering intersection.

Although no action is to be taken on them, several new pieces of legislation are to be introduced Thursday night. The new bills include requests to appropriate \$80,000 for services contractual and \$50,000 for equipment for the street department; an appropriation ordinance for \$25,500 for Hulman Links; an ordinance to rezone property at 2509 Heck Drive for commercial use; a proposal to install at stop sign at Eighth and Hulman streets, and a request to appropriate \$12,500 for the position of operations manager at the city bus garage.

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## Eighth, Ninth streets one-way proposals to be studied by Terre Haute City Council

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Proposals have been introduced in city government to extend the one-way designations for Eighth and Ninth streets.

Ordinances have been prepared to extend the one-way classification in north and south directions on both of the streets.

Currently Ninth Street runs one way north from Hulman Street to Lafayette Avenue and Eighth Street runs one way south from Lafayette Avenue to Hulman Street.

One ordinance that is to be considered for action by the City Council Thursday night would establish one-way traffic north on Ninth Street between Lafayette and Maple avenues and set one-way traffic south on Eighth Street between the same avenues. The council is to meet at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Another ordinance has been drafted and is to be introduced to extend Eighth Street's one-way designation south from Hulman Street to Voorhees Street. Also to be included is establishing a one-way

classification on Ninth Street between Hulman and Voorhees Streets.

Council member June Hanley plans to introduce legislation covering the southside extension of the one-way designations.

Companion ordinances to those proposed measures already have been entered for council action and are to be considered Thursday night.

One bill calls for removing stop signs on Ninth Street at its intersection with Grant Street. The other measure proposes removing the stop signs on Eighth Street at its intersection with Lockport Road and placing stop signs on Lockport Road at the same intersection. Another ordinance would establish a four-way stop at Eighth and Hulman streets, reports said.

The overall effect of the proposed ordinances would increase the one-way designation on the streets' south ends by seven blocks and about five blocks on the north side.

Councilman Kenneth Thomas introduced the bill for the one-way extension T APR 9 1980

on the north side. He said many sideswipe accidents have occurred there and some buses have to stop because they will not fit down the streets with a passing vehicle.

Mrs. Hanley said the ordinances for the south side will help traffic flow. Ninth and Eighth streets can be used as alternate routes to Third and Seventh streets into and out of the city.

When asked how this might affect neighborhoods along the routes Mrs. Hanley said the traffic already runs on those streets and the ordinances "will make it flow smoother."

City Engineer Louis Glascock said the proposals will help reduce accident potential where the one-ways currently end in the congested areas of Hulman Street and Lafayette Avenue.

# City Council studies bill to enforce health laws

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance to help the city enforce health laws is to be considered by the City Council when it meets in regular monthly session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

The measure would give the city the power to enforce laws concerning complaints of trash and garbage on city property.

Also to be up for consideration Thursday night are various traffic ordinances, a rezoning bill and an appropriation measure.

The health ordinance would amend a current law concerning health nuisances. The new bill would allow the Department of Inspection to investigate such complaints. Currently that power is held by the county health department.

If a property owner fails to meet the health law he or she could be brought to court and be assessed a fine of up to \$300

fine of up to \$300.

Council member William Jarvis has introduced the health enforcement bill.

Last week, the council conducted a public discussion on ordinances to be considered for action this week. At that meeting the health bill received comments of support from various council members.

Building Inspector Jim Beikman

Proposals for extended one-way designations for Eighth and Ninth streets have also been introduced for City Council consideration; story, page 10.

spoke in favor of the bill. His department would be doing much of the enforcement of the law. Beikman did suggest some changes in the ordinance the council might want to consider prior to voting on it.

Also on the agenda for Thursday night is a bill to appropriate \$83,600 from the Hulman Links non-reverting fund to the park department for operation of Hulman Links.

Pat Ralston, park superintendent, said last week that the money comes from the pro shop and cart fees at Hulman Links and the money is spent there. Council approval is a formality required by the State Board of Ac-

counts prior to expenditure of the money, he explained.

One of the traffic bills to be considered Thursday night seeks installation of stop signs on First Avenue at 22nd Street. The city engineer's department has studied the request and recommended installation of stop signs on First Avenue accompanied by removal of existing signs on 22nd Street.

Another traffic measure calls for "No Turn on the Red" signs on all legs of the intersection of Ninth Street, Eighth Avenue, and Lafayette Avenue. The engineer's department has recommended the signs.

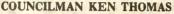
The rezoning bill is for classifying property on the east side of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for residential use.

Currently the land is zoned for industry and it is situated between two parcels of residential land, according to reports.

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COUNCILMAN BILL JARVIS

# City Council Okays Revised Trash Law

By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer
Trashy lots in Terre Haute should soon be cleaned if an ordinance passed
Thursday night by the City Council is enforced.

Councilmen unanimously approved legislation giving the city department of inspection the authority to cite property owners for permitting garbage, trash, rank vegetation, discarded furniture or appliances to accumulate on lots in the city. The authority previously was with the Vigo County Board of Health, but city officials said their enforcement was inadequate and wanted the city to have its own department of enforcement.

"Actually, we didn't change much from the legislation we already had," said Councilman Bill Jarvis, sponsor of the ordinance.

"But now, the city has its own enforcement power and now its up to this administration to make this law work," added Jarvis.

The law gives the department of inspection the authority to inspect and cite property owners who permit trash, garbage and other health nuisances to exist on property in the city. Owners of property are given 10 days to abate the health nuisance. After 10 days, the board of public works and safety shall issue an order to have the lot cleaned and a bill for the service shall be issued the property owner. If the bill is not paid within 90 days, then the bill is added to the property taxes of the owner as a lien.

Penalties up to \$300 may be assessed against a property owner convicted of a trash ordinance violation.

"The council has done its job and now its up to the city administration to enforce the ordinance and its up to the court to penalize persons who violate the law. I think we'll see property owners cleaning their lots if a few of their neighbors are fined in court," said Councilman Larry Kirchner following Thursday night's meeting.

Council President Ken Thomas said the ordinance is "long overdue."

'The city administration is receptive to this ordinance and I'm sure they'll follow through with enforcing the law. It's been long overdue and maybe now we can do something to clean up Terre Haute," Thomas said.

Gene Beddow, 1938 Seaburger Ave., approached the council about a health

nuisance near his home in Highland. Beddow said a man in his neighborhood is dumping ashes from a local industry on a lot near his home and it is creating a health hazard.

"This existence cannot carry on. Its a health hazard and our wells probably have been contaminated," Beddow told the council.

Thomas told Beddow he would contact the Board of Health about the problem and also would file a complaint with the department of inspection which now has the authority to inspect such violations.

The council also:

- Passed an ordinance appropriating \$83,600 from the Hulman Links non-

reverting fund for needed equipment and supplies at the golf course.

- Tabled an ordinance to rezone property at 2840 N. 141/2 St., where property owners are seeking a mobile home conditional use classification. The council instructed the city clerk to write a letter to attorney James A. Lewis advising him to settle the matter which has been before the council for the last three

- Passed an ordinance, despite an unfavorable recommendation by the city engineer's office, to erect a stop sign at First Avenue and 22nd Street. The city engineer wanted stop signs on 22nd Street removed before erecting a stop sign requiring eastbound traffic on First Avenue to stop at the intersection.

— Passed an ordinance providing for a six-way "No Turn On Red" sign at

Ninth Street and Lafavette Avenue.

- Passed an ordinance to rezone property for residential use east of Fort Harrison Industrial Park. The property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Buena

- Tabled an ordinance to remove a stop sign at Ninth and Grant streets.

 Passed an ordinance to remove a traffic sign requiring north and southbound traffic to stop at Eighth Street and Lockport Road and to erect a stop sign requiring east and westbound traffic to stop at the intersection.

- Passed an ordinance to establish one-way traffic from Lafayette Avenue to Maple Avenue on Ninth and Eighth streets.

#### 'Adult' book stores and traffic topics of City Council Thursday

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Topics dominating discussion at Thursday's City Council hearing included "adult" book stores and numerous traffic control ordinances.

The council met in "sunshine" session to discuss ordinances that will come up for its consideration next

During the course of the evening, Councilman Larry Kirchner suggested city legislation be drawn up to put adult book stores and massage parlors in the same zoning category.

The topic of adult book stores was not on Thursday's agenda, but it was brought up during discussion of an ordinance to rezone 609 Lafayette Ave. for an "amusement" business.

No one was present representing the business, but Councilman William Jarvis said it was his understanding the business will have pool tables and pinball machines.

Council member June Hanley said she could support such a business, but she said she wanted to be sure the business would not become an adult book store.

A building on the city's south side once housed an amusement center and it later was turned into an adult book store.

It was at this point in the proceedings that the council members discussed zoning of adult book stores.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser cautioned that any legislation prepared concerning "adult" book stores must be drawn up carefully because he did not want to restrict sale of all types of literature.

In other business Thursday, the council discussed various traffic ordinances.

One of the major traffic ordinances up for discussion would make Ninth Street one way north from Vorhees Street to Hulman Street and turn Eighth Street one way south between the same two streets.

Louis Glascock, city engineer, told the council his department recommends the ordinance. It will help traffic flow on the city's south side,

Mrs. Hanley said she represents that district and has received no negative response to the bill. One resident did ask about the possibility of opening an alley in that area, she

A companion measure to the oneway ordinance calls for removing stop signs on Ninth Street at its intersection with Grant Street.

Another southside traffic ordinance discussed Thursday night seeks installation of stop signs on Hulman Street at its intersection with Eighth

During discussion of another traffic ordinance seeking stop signs on Lee Avenue at 14th Street, a resident of that intersection supported installation of the signs because of traffic problems and it is a school

Glascock said his department has studied the intersection and it feels the signs should stay as they are. However, he did suggest the council table the measure so his department could study an intersection at 141/2 Street and Lee Avenue to see if any traffic control there might help the intersection named in the original

Another ordinance which Glascock recommended against seeks stop signs on Woodley Avenue at 15th Street to make a four-way stop. He suggested an amendement that would remove signs currently on 15th Street and place signs on Woodley.

Some residents in that part of town said they did not agree with the engineering study and that a four-way stop should be installed there.

Also discussed Thursday night were ordinances to:

• Appropriate \$25,500 from the Hulman Links Capital Fund for cart paths and installation of a water line to a maintenance building at the Hulman Links Golf Course.

 Appropriate \$80,000 for street resurfacing and \$50,000 for a new street sweeper.

• Rezone 2509 Heck Drive for a commercial use. Jarvis said the petitioner for that asked that it be tabled next week

· Amend the transit utility budget to allow an operations manager position to replace a clerk position. Jim Rosa, transportation manager, was praised by the council for his work.

· Annex the southwest part of the Hulman Field runway into city limits.

• Provide yield signs on Idaho

Street at Brown Avenue.

· Change the current parking situation on Eighth Avenue between Seventh and Ninth streets.





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Norma Spork



#### Political doors open to women — finally

By Susan Crittenden

One-third of the Terre Haute City Council is female.

"People said that three women would never shut up, but that's not at all how it said Council member June Hanley. Other observers agree.

Norma Spork, Judy Anderson and Hanley, the three women on the council, are businesslike, alert, dedicated and determined. They do their homework. They don't even do a third of the talking at council meetings, but when they do speak or ask questions they are right on target.

While Anderson and Hanley were elected to the council last November and only have three months of experience under their belts, Spork was first elected by the council to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Lenahan in early 1977. As an at-large member she was elected for a full term in November, 1979.

But Spork's political experience goes back many years. "Thirty years ago I worked in Harrison Township Assessor Herb Beasley's office," she explains. "I've been a Democratic precinct committeeman for 28 years. And I've had lots of political jobs. I was chief deputy recorder for three years, then when Tubby Kirchner, the recorder, passed away, I was selected to replace him for two years. I worked in the Sewage Department under Ralph Tucker," Spork said.

Things have almost come full circle, as Spork today is chief deputy in the Harrison Township Assessor's office. She admits that she has political ambition and in the future will probably run for a fulltime political office.

"I love being on the council. I can help the public and contribute to community improvement," she says. "I think the council is dealing with significant problems and being on it is more or less an every day job. I never turn down a phone call," Spork said.

Judy Anderson also loves being on the council, and she thinks she's found her niche. "I'm not interested in higher office. This is perfect for me. It's part-time, and my family comes first. But they can be involved in this job, too, and they've been a big help. It fits in with my roles as mother, wife and community member," she explained.

'I've always had strong political beliefs and worked for candidates in whom I believed. Of course I've worked for Joe (Anderson, her brother-in-law) and I worked for Mike Kearns and Frank Crawford, among others.

When we moved back to Terre Haute seven years ago, I thought the city could offer more. We had lived in Ft. Wayne and I had seen how things were developed there. I did a lot of over-the-back-fence talking about this community.

"Then about a year ago Joe called. He told me I had done enough griping and it was time for me to do something about my complaints. He urged me to run for the council," Anderson said.

Anderson defeated six men in a primary battle, one of whom was the incumbent councilman. Her general election race was easier, and now she's getting what she calls "on-the-job training" by asking a lot of questions at City Hall, at the Area Planning Department, at firehouses, and so on. She spends about 10 to 15 hours a week on council business, Anderson estimates

"I find you can do something about things," she says happily. "I can get some

response to a complaint about a dilapidated house. When the weather improves a little, my kids and I are going to ride our bicycles through each precinct in the 6th District and I'm going to make a list of problems," Anderson added.

"I am pleased that the council passed an ordinance in April that will help clean up the community. If this is to be a pride city we must present a better appearance.

Now I want to try to work out a family park membership for golfing at Rea Park, for example. Families with a lot of children can run up a big bill if they like golf. I think we can work out some special memberships that will help," Anderson

Both Anderson and June Hanley point with pleasure to a change they've brought about that people may not even be aware of. City Clerk Nick Peters, and clerks before him, have always called the roll call votes at council meetings alphabetically. That meant that Anderson was always the lead-off voter, followed closely by other new councilmen.

The two women asked Peters to switch the order in which names are called for votes around each month and he readily agreed.

'That puts everyone on the spot equally," Hanley said.

June Hanley says she married into a political family and has had a lot of help from them. "I've always been a history buff, and I belong to the Farrington Grove Association. Probably my biggest surprise as a councilman was to find that there is not a job description. I've had to learn by trial and error, and by asking a lot

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of questions. I average about 15 to 20 hours a week on council work. I'd quess.

"And I think I spend more on postage and mileage than I'm paid. But I love the job. Judy and I have been going to meetings of the Association of Cities and

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Towns and their materials have been helpful.

"I just take each thing as it comes and try to cope as best I can. I'm particularly interested in seeing that we get the city's sewers functioning. I've worked on that for a long time, because we live in the midst of a lake. Lots of times the water has been over our boots," Haney explained

"I'm also interested in seeing that the fire and police departments get more money. I think there is too much differential between the two assistant police chiefs and the other men, too. We gave the assistant chiefs 20 percent raises. Sometimes I think the council moves too fast," she said.

Anderson, too, feels that at time discussion of important issues before the council is ended too quickly or voted on too rapidly.

Hanley says she loves politics and has a great interest in the office of township trustee, a job her husband once tried for and lost in the Democratic primary. She thinks one of them might run for that position again some day.

In the meantime, she says she is learning a lot. Although she asked not to be on the council's zoning committee, for some reason she was named its chairman. She has dug in her heels, goes to inspect sites in question, and hopes to have a hand in clearing up some confusing zoning regulations. She agrees she should be the council's representative on the Area Planning Commission, which conducts hearings on zoning requests.

All three women feel they are acting as individuals on the council and that the community has accepted their new roles. They have not felt any pressure, so far, to vote in any specific way. And they think their presence on the council is good for Terre Haute -- women look at things differently sometimes; they notice little things that are important to voters.

Finally, Spork, Anderson and Hanley all express disappointment that there are not any women running for county council seats this year. "Vigo County is behind the times when it comes to accepting women in political jobs. Many women around Indiana have important city and county elective posts," Spork said.

All three think women have an important contribution to make and hope more will take the opportunity to serve in government jobs.

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## City street resurfacing to be on council agenda

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall to consider action on appropriation ordinances for street resurfacing and for a new street sweeper.

Also on the agenda are several traffic control measures, including one that would lengthen the one-way designations of Eighth and Ninth Streets on the city's south side.

Scheduled to come before the council for possible action is an \$80,000 appropriation ordinance for the Street Department to spend on street resurfacing. The money reportedly is to come from the special local road and street fund.

Another money ordinance to receive council consideration Thursday night seeks \$50,000 for a new Street

Department sweeper.

The ordinance for Eighth and Ninth streets would make Ninth Street one way north from Vorhees Street to Hulman Street and make Eighth Street one way south between the same two streets.

same two streets.
City Engineer Louis Glascock told the council at a hearing last week that his department recommends the ordinance's passage. It will help traffic flow on the city's south side, he said

At the council "sunshine" hearing last week, no one spoke out against

the proposed measure.

Last month, the council voted to extend the one-way designation of Ninth and Eighth Streets from Lafayette Avenue to Maple Avenue. The one-way classification on those streets traditionally has run between Hulman Street and Lafayette Avenue.

A companion ordinance to the new one-way bill calls for removing stop signs on Ninth Street at its intersec-

tion with Grant Street.

Another ordinance that would affect an intersection in that area seeks installation of stop signs on Hulman Street at its intersection with Eighth Street. The signs would make the intersection a four-way stop.

Also to be considered for action by the council Thursday night are or-

dinances to:

• Appropriate \$25,500 from the Hulman Links Capital Fund for cart paths and installation of a water line to a maintenance building at the Hulman Links Golf Course.

• Rezone 2509 Heck Drive for a commercial use. Councilman William Jarvis reported the petitioner for that classification has asked the bill be

tabled Thursday night.

• Rezone 609 Lafayette Ave. for an "amusement business." The business reportedly is to have items such as pool tables and pinball machines.

• Amend the transit utility budget to allow an operations manager position to replace a clerk position.

 Annex the southwest part of the Hulman Field runway into city limits.
 According to reports, the runway was extended during the 1950s and the extension was never annexed as part of the city as is the rest of the airport.

• Install stop signs on Lee Avenue at 14th Street. The engineering department has issued a report saying this intersection should stay as it is. However, at last week's public hearing, some residents spoke in support of the new signs.

• Establish yield signs on Idaho

Street at Brown Avenue.

• Place stop signs on Woodley Avenue at 15th Street to make the intersection a four-way stop. The engineering department has suggested an ordinance amendment that would remove signs currently on 15th Street and place signs on Woodley. Some residents disagreed with the engineer last week and supported a four-way stop there.

• Change the current parking situation on Eighth Avenue between

Seventh and Ninth Streets.

## Hostages, cheerleaders supported in resolutions

unanimously Thursday night to adopt a resolution showing support for the American hostages in Iran and in memory of eight servicemen who died there in a recent rescue attempt.

Also adopted Thursday was a resolution honoring the Indiana State University cheerleading squad for recent first-place finish in national competition.

The resolution in support of Americans in

citizens fly their flags at half staff starting today and continuing until the hostages are freed.

The council also voted to pass out copies of the resolution to all area veterans organizations and to the White House in Washington, D.C.

Fred Swartz. representing the Vigo County American Legion Council, spoke at Thursday night's meeting and endorsed the resolution.

Mayor Pete Chalos was named in the resolu-

The City Council voted Iran asks that local tion as requesting the flags be flown at half staff.

> The other resolution honoring a group was passed to show support for the ISU cheerleading squad for its first-place finish that was shown Thursday night on national television.

> The council members voted unanimously to "extend their congratulations and appreciation" to the squad for the recognition it has brought to ISU and to Terre Haute.

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## Street Dept. employees protest at Council meet

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Terre Haute Street Department employees appeared before the <u>City</u> Council Thursday night to protest a 25-cent increase recently approved

for their hourly wage rate.

Murray McCullough, union steward for the street workers, said they would not accept the 25-cent increase and he criticized the council session where the hike was adopted. About 25 Street Department employees attended the meeting.

Also at Thursday night's "sunshine" discussion session, Floyd Cheesman, steward for striking union employees at the Wastewater Treatment Plant discussed wages with the

council members.

On July 29, the council passed the 25-cent hike in the hourly wage paid to Street Department workers.

Some Street Department workers attended that meeting, but they did not speak to the council about their

pay.

McCullough said Thursday night the July 29 meeting "went so fast nobody understood what went on ... you didn't give anybody any chance to

say anything."

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser responded to McCullough by saying that in the July session, Council President Kenneth Thomas asked three times if anyone had any discussion.

"I don't remember you saying it three times," McCullough said.

"It wasn't ramrodded through," Neaderhiser stated. He added that a misunderstanding apparently exOther ordinances were also considered by the City Council; story, page 9.

isted.

The 25-cent raise, accompanied by an increase in insurance, was part of an offer rejected by the Street Department workers who are represented by Laborers International Local No. 204.

"All we're asking for is 50 cents more on the hour" with no increase in insurance benefits, McCullough said.

"I understand what your problem is... that inflation is eating away at your salary," said Councilman Larry Kirchner. "I agree you deserve more money, but show me where it is, help me find it."

Neaderhiser told the Street Department workers the salary ordinance had to be passed when it was because

it had a deadline of July 31.

Tom Rogers, another Street Department employee, said to the council, "When that snow falls, you don't mind working us in 18-hour shifts."

The contract with Street Department workers does not end until Dec.

31.

No action was taken by the council—the session was for discussion only.

After Street Department workers had their say, Cheesman said if the council approved a hike in sewage rates, the city could afford to give more of a raise to sewage workers.

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### Street paving funds OK'd by counc

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council approved \$80,000 Thursday night for the city's "first batch" of street paying this year.

The appropriation was approved at the council's regular monthly meeting where \$50,000 was approved for a new street sweeper and the council members acted on various traffic ordinances.

Street Commissioner Dave Butts reported the \$80,000 was the first amount of money available for street resurfacing this year and that more will become available.

Butts reported the following streets are to receive resurfacing this year: 13th Street between Third Avenue and Locust Street; Third Avenue from 13th Street to railroad tracks: Voorhees Street between Seventh and 13th streets; Hulman Hill; Boston and Spang avenues: Maple Avenue from 19th Street to 25th Street; Ohio Boulevard west of Fruitridge Avenue and Hudson Avenue.

Butts reported that other city

streets will be resurfaced with money available through the local Department of Redevelopment.

The City Council also passed two resolutions; story, page 5.

Local streets may be cleaner as a result of the council's approval of \$50,000 for a new street sweeper.

Butts reported his department's current three sweepers are in "bad shape" and it is a "rare day all three of those are working."

Bob Moran, director of the Vigo County Air Pollution Control Board, told the council that a major part of Terre Haute's pollution problem has been dust from streets.

One of the major traffic ordinances coming before the council Thursday night would have made Ninth Street one-way north from Voorhees Street to Hulman Street and Eighth Street one way south from Hulman Street to Voorhees Street. The bill was tabled on a 5-3 vote.

The ordinance was tabled after Rob

Goodpasture, 2318 S. Ninth St., presented a petition with names of neighborhood people he said were against the one-way proposal.

Although the council voted to table the measure to hear from people in the area, some council members said they thought residents of the area could have come to the "sunshine" meeting earlier instead of waiting "until the last minute."

In other business Thursday night:

· The council unanimously passed a \$25,500 appropriation ordinance for Hulman Links Golf Course. The money is for cart paths and for water in a maintenance building.

· A bill to remove stop signs on Ninth Street at its intersection with Grant Street was approved 7-1.

· The council held in committee a rezoning ordinance for 2509 Heck Drive.

· Council members approved an ordinance for a four-way stop at Eighth and Hulman streets with a 7-1 vote.

· An amendemment in the mass

transit utility budget was approved to allow an operations manager.

• The southwest part of the Hulman Field runway was annexed into city limits on a unanimous vote.

· The council defeated an ordinance to put stop signs on Lee Avenue at 14th Street with five councilmen against the bill and three voting for it.

• Approval was given, 6-2, for yield signs on Idaho Street at Brown Avenue.

· Council members voted 6-2 in favor of a bill providing for stop signs on Woodley Avenue at 15th Street.

 Unanimous approval was granted for rezoning 609 Lafayette Ave. for an amusement business. Last week some council members expressed concern the business might become an adult bookstore, but the proprietor said Thursday night it was an arcade.

· An ordinance to move the "no parking" zone on Eighth Avenue from the south side of the street to the north side was stricken from the record. 8-0.

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# One-way traffic flow topic of City Council

An ordinance that would change traffic flow on Eighth and Ninth streets on the city's south side may be discussed by the City Council Thursday

The council is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall to discuss ordinances it will consider for action when it meets in regular session

The southside traffic flow ordinance seeks to make Ninth Street one way north from Voorhees Street to Hulman Street and to make Eighth Street one way south between the same streets.

The one-way ordinance was not on the official agenda issued earlier this week, but it is an-

ticipated the bill will be discussed.

When the council met last month, it tabled the bill to allow further chance for public comment and study. No one spoke about the bill at last month's "sunshine" hearing. Opposition finally came when the council was preparing to vote on the measure at its regular May meeting.

Last week, the council's traffic committee conducted a public hearing on the bill to allow residents of the area a chance to comment

About 50 persons attended the hearing and some of them voiced opposition to making the streets one way in that area.

Some persons opposed the bill saying it would increase the volume of traffic and the speed of vehicles on the two streets. Also, there are few cross streets in the area and the one-way designations would limit access to homes.

A report in favor of the change indicates the oneway classifications would help improve traffic flow on the city's south side by reducing the number of cars on Seventh and Third streets.

Also on the agenda for Thursday's discussion session is an ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 for repairs to a cinder road for Rea Park tennis and golf facilities. The money is to come from federal revenue sharing funds.

Other items to be discussed Thursday include rezoning ordinances. They seek to rezone:

• 2058 N. Seventh St. for a beauty shop.

- 1440 S. 25th St. for a hairstyling business.
- 2409 Elm St. for a general business district classification
  - 2501 College Ave. for a service station. • 401 S. Fourth St. for a real estate office.

Another ordinance to be discussed Thursday calls for removing the one-way designation in the alley from 17th Street to 18th Street between Washington Avenue and Franklin Street.

Two other traffic bills also are on the agenda. One seeks stop signs on Arleth Street at Greenwood Street and the other calls for making 10th Street one-way north from Eighth Avenue to Lafayette

# Traffic ordinance slated for council consideration

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A proposed traffic ordinance that has received some opposition from southside residents is to be considered for action by the City Council when it meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

The ordinance calls for making Ninth Street one way north from Voorhees Street to Hulman Street and making Eighth Street one way south between the same two streets. Eighth and Ninth streets already are one way between Hulman Street and Maple Avenue.

The traffic change has been the subject of two public hearings where residents of the affected area voiced

mostly protest.

Reports from transportation planners indicate the one way designations could reduce accidents, improve parking condition and allow more traffic.

Citizens of the area have voiced opposition to the bill saying: increased traffic could bring higher speeds, children in the area could be endangered, distances to some homes might be greater, and property values might decrease.

A report from City Engineer Louis Glascock states the one-way change would reduce congestion on South Seventh Street and confusion in traffic patterns at Eighth and Hulman streets would be reduced.

Another benefit from the one-way classification would be reduction of vehicle conflicts at intersections, according to the engineer's report.

Other advantages listed in Glascock's report include:

 Field of vision at intersections would be improved.

• Traffic congestion would be relieved on adjacent streets.

 Changing traffic patterns could be met almost immediately.

Glascock said he does not think the streets would see a major increase in traffic volume as a result of the changes.

Traffic counts show more cars now travel north on Ninth Street than they do south on the same street, Glasocock said. Also, more cars already are traveling south on Eighth Street than they do north, he added.

Some residents have not been in support of the change. One resident of that area has expressed concern that the property values along the two streets might decrease.

Glascock has responded to that claim by quoting a Michigan study that shows property values do not necessarily decrease

Another southside resident has said the change would put more traffic on Voorhees Street, causing a problem at the intersection of Seventh and Voorhees streets.

Seventh and Voorhees streets intersection has a jog in it. Glascock said plans are being drafted to im-

prove that intersection

An Eighth Street resident told the council last week he was against the measure because of young children in the area and because of elderly people who have to cross streets to get to bus stops on Seventh Street.

A Ninth Street resident reported he would have to travel about four blocks extra to get in his driveway

Other business to come before the council Thursday night includes rezoning ordinances for 1440 S. 25th St.; 2058 N. Seventh St.; 2409 Elm St.; 2501 College Ave.; and 401 S. Fourth St.

Also on the agenda is an ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 for pavement of the road around the Rea Park tennis courts.

The council also is to consider a bill to erect stop signs on Arleth Street at Greenwood Street, and to make 10th St. one way north from Eighth Avenue to Lafayette Avenue.

After Thursday's regular session, the council is to consider a \$1 million bond issue for Hercules Inc. The bond issue is being sought to fund expansion at the local plant.

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# Support of whole community Appropriate Stressed for city cleanup project

The support of the whole community in cleaning up Terre Haute was stressed Tuesday afternoon at an organizational meeting for a massive citywide cleanup project called "Brush Up on Terre Haute."

About 50 people attended the City 'Hall meeting, with service organizations, churches, industries, banks, schools, youth clubs, veterans groups 'and governmental were represented.

"Brush Up On Terre Haute" is a month-long cleanup project to be administered by the city government through cooperation with the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce and the Terre Haute Area Clean Community, a chapter of Clean Community System Inc.

The project calls for cleaning the city of trash and weed-infested lots. It also is to provide a means for persons to haul discarded items to dumps.

City government personnel along

with manpower and equipment from volunteering industries and service groups will be cleaning the city on the Saturdays of July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2.

All local service groups and industries are encouraged to help the city in the cleaning project.

Street Commissioner Dave Butts, equipment coordinator for the project, said the city is hoping to have 75 trucks picking up discarded items as a part of the project. The city is hoping for 50 trucks from industry and the National Guard to work with the city's force of 25 trucks, he said.

About 150 volunteers will be needed to ride the trucks and do general cleaup work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday, Butts reported. A specific quadrant of the city will be cleaned on each of the Saturdays.

Any group willing take part in the project is asked to contact Kaye

Hoole, administrative assistant to Mayor Pete Chalos. She can be reached by telephoning the mayor's office.

The need for community cooperation in such a project was stressed by Dave Heath, president of the Terre Haute Area Clean Community Inc., and by Ross Hedges, president of the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce.

Also present at the meeting was Park Superintendent Pat Ralston, coordinator of manpower for the cleanup.

Chalos was unable to attend Tuesday's organizational meeting because of a commitment to the Indiana Democratic State Convention.

Another meeting for the cleanup project is to be at 3:30 p.m. July 1, at City Hall.

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## Rezoning ordinances OK'd by City Council

T JUN 1 3 1980 By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council approved five rezoning ordinances Thursday night and it voted to withdraw an appropriation ordinance that would have paved a cinder road at Rea Park.

Ordinances were passed to rezone:
• 2509 Heck Drive for an

automotive repair shop.

• 1440 S. 25th St. for a barber shop.

 2409 Elm St. for a used furniture store.

• 2501 College Ave. for a service station. The property previously had been a service station, but it was not under the necessary commercial designation.

• 401 S. Fourth St. for a real estate

office

Not every rezoning ordinance that came before the council Thursday

night was approved.

One of the other measures sought to classify 2840 N. 14½ St. for a mobile home. The council voted to hold the ordinance in committee at the request of the petitioner's attorney, James Lewis. Apparently the trailer owner is attempting to purchase some adjacent property to make the trailer fit the necessary zoning requirements to locate at that site.

Another ordinance sought to rezone 2058 N. Seventh St. for a beauty shop.

It was withdrawn from the council agenda at the request of the petitioner.

In other business Thursday, the council voted to withdraw a bill that would have appropriated \$10,000 for paving of a cinder road in the area of the Rea Park tennis courts.

Council member June Hanley made the motion to withdraw the bill because of tight city finances. The measure was withdrawn on a unanimious vote of the seven council members present. Councilman William Jarvis was not present because of illness and Councilman William Price was not in attendance because he was at the state Republican convention, reports indicated.

Also at Thursday's session, a bill was passed to remove the existing one-way designation in the alley from 17th Street to 18th Street between Washington Avenue and Franklin Street.

Another traffic measure receiving the council's OK was one that will install yield signs on Arleth Street at Greenwood Street. The ordinance came to the council seeking stop signs, but it was amended to yield signs.

Council members struck from the record a bill that would have made 10th Street one way north from Eighth Avenue to Lafayette Avenue.

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A controversial traffic ordinance that would have changed traffic flow on Eighth and Ninth streets was withdrawn on a unanimous vote by the City Council when it met in regular session Thursday night.

In other business, the council approved an ordinance authorizing the the issuance and sale of \$1 million worth of industrial revenue bonds to help in an expansion project at Hercules Inc.

The traffic bill called for making Ninth Street one way north from Voorhees Street to Hulman Street and making Eighth Street one way south between the same two streets.

The city engineer's office had supported the bill as a way of improving traffic flow on the city's south side, but the measure met with strong proved by the council; story, page 7.

opposition from residents of the affected area.

Thursday's withdrawal of the ordinance took less than two minutes.

After the ordinance was read, council member June Hanley made the motion to withdraw the ordinance. When the vote counting was completed in favor of withdrawing the bill, spectators in the council chambers applauded.

Mrs. Hanley said after the meeting she still thinks the one-way designation is a good idea, but "I represent them and I want to do what they want to do." Her council district covers those areas of Ninth and Eighth streets.

The traffic measure met with op-

streets; decrease property values: endanger young children and older persons in the area; and increase the amount of distances some residents would have to travel.

An engineering report said the oneway change would reduce congestion on South Seventh Street, and confusion in traffic patterns at Eighth and Hulman streets would be decreased.

Other benefits of such a change, according to the engineer's department, could have been; reduction of vehicle conflicts at intersections and improvement of field of vision at intersections.

After Thursday's regular session. the council reconvened in special session to approve the \$1 million bond issue.

The money raised by that issue is to finance the electrical portion of a tenter film plant being constructed at Hercules, according to Richard Shagley, the attorney who handled the project for the Economic Development Commission.

The total expansion project carries a price tag of about \$60 million. Shagley reported.

The attorney also said the new expansion will mean about 200 new permanant jobs and a payroll of about \$3 million a year.

The bonds do not obligate the city in any way, Shagley said. Councilman Jack Neaderhiser pointed out the bonds have been used for local businesses on previous occasions.

"They (Hercules) chose Terre Haute and I'm glad we can help them expand," said Council President Kenneth Thomas.

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#### City Council adopts grant administration by Housing Authority

The Terre Haute City Council approved a resolution concerning the administration of the Urban Development Action Grant programs in the city during action Thursday night.

The Terre Haute City Council met first in its "sunshine" session to discuss items to be voted on at the regular monthly meeting next Thursday and then met in a special session immediately following that to ap-

prove several items.

Among the items approved was a resolution that allows the Redevelopment Department to contract the Urban Development Action Grant programs with the Terre Haute Housing Authority. The Housing Authority had been administering the programs without the contractural agreement.

Also approved was a resolution extending the tax abatement program from five to 10 years and adding some new areas to the program. The program allows a 10-year partial abatement of property taxes for private investors who construct or rehabilitate buildings within the eligible urban development area.

The council also added its support to the administration's "Brush Up on Terre Haute" cleanup program by passing a resolution calling for citywide participation in the program. The resolution asks for greater citizen involvement in the program and urges businesses to promote the program on their marquees.

Also on the agenda was a special ordinance which sets 1981 salaries for all city employees except those governed by special or separate or-dinances. The ordinance was in-troduced on first reading only, with action to be taken at the next meeting.
In the "sunshine" meeting the council discussed five appropriation ordinances and five special ordinances that are to be acted upon by the council at its regular meeting

Appropriation ordinances include:

•An ordinance to appropriate \$65,000 from Local Road & Street Special Fund for Motor Vehicle Highway Department.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$300,000 from Local Road & Street Fund for Motor Vehicle Highway

Department.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for Motor Vehicle Highway Department.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$3,932.50 from General Fund for the

City Clerk's Office.

•An ordinance to appropriate \$21,211.94 from Revenue Sharing to Firefighters School.

Special ordinances include:

•An ordinance to amend certain salaries at the sewage treatment

· An ordinance allowing truck traffic on South Sixth Street between Grant and Voohrees streets and on Grant from Third Street to Sixth Street and providing for no parking on the west side of South Sixth Street from Grant to Voohrees.

 An ordinance providing for yield signs on Lee Avenue at 141/2 Street.

•An ordinance to rezone 2901, 2903, 2905 and 2907 N. 29th St. as Mobile Home Conditional Use Zone

· An ordinance amending the number of employees in the City Clerk's Office.

### City Council Studies Plan To Transfer **Control Of Programs**

Editor's Note: Due to early deadlines in observance of the Independence Day holiday, The Star was unable to provide a full report on Thursday night's City Council meeting. Coverage of the meeting can be found in Saturday's editions of The Star. S JUL 4 1980

By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer

A resolution transferring the responsibility for administration of two urban community development programs was expected to be passed Thursday night

by the Terre Haute City Council.

Councilmen were to consider the resolution affecting the Community Development Block Grant and Urban Development Action Grant programs as well as legislation pertaining to a 10-year tax abatement program' the city's proposed "Brush Up On Terre Haute" campaign and salary ordinances for city

According to Marc Elliott, executive director of the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment, the city administration wants to "streamline responsibility" for supervising the CDBG and UDAG programs. The two Housing and Urban Development programs are designed to helped distressed cities revitalize their economy by improving downtown areas and deteriorated neighborhoods.

"When HUD deals with our city they don't know who to talk to," Elliott said

Thursday. "We simply want the financial and administrative responsibilities under one department," he added.

Elliott said the Department of Redevelopment will contract with the housing authority office to administer the UDAG program.

"The same people will be doing the same job. There will just be a contract between us," Elliott remarked.

Because the department of Redevelopment will have responsibility for the UDAG and CDBG programs, budgets for projects will be reviewed and set by the redevelopment commission.

Details of the agreement between the Department of Redevelopment and the Housing Authority office will be worked out in the next few weeks," the

redevelopment director said.

Kirby Smith, executive director of the Housing Authority, was not available for comment Thursday. Harold Baker III, director of rehabilitation and coordinator of UDAG, refused comment on the resolution. He said comments on the change of responsibility should come from Smith.

Mayor Pete Chalos pushed for the change in roles of responsibility. Political observers felt Chalos would have greater administrative control over the two programs if they were handled by the Department of Redevelopment.

A second resolution concerning the city's tax abatement program was expected to be approved by the council. The tax abatement resolution expands the designated urban development areas eligible under the program

Elliott said the program allows a 10-year partial abatement of property taxes for private investors who construct or rehabilitate buildings within the eligible urban development area.

The program ranges from 100 per cent abatement of property taxes in the

first year to five percent in the 10th year.

An ordinance setting salaries for city employees, other than those employees governed by separate ordinances such as police and fire department, was introduced Thursday night. The ordinance, according to the mayor, is a "standby ordinance" until wage negotiations are completed with all city department. He said an ordinance must be introduced, but may be amended after contract talks are completed.

The city council also was expected to endorse the city's July cleanup campaign, "Brush Up On Terre Haute." Councilmen were to ask for greater citizen involvement in the project and urge businesses having marquees to

promote the cleanup project during the month of July.

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An ordinance proposing a \$3,000-ayear pay hike for city police officers in 1981 has been taken off the agenda for a City Council meeting tonight.

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### Council to hear pay ordinances

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The City Council is to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday to consider salary ordinances for all city employees except transit and sewage workers, according to reports.

Workers for whom salaries are to be considered include police officers and firefighters who have voted to accept contract offers from the city.

A salary increase of \$400 across the board is being proposed for most other city employees, including all

management personnel, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler, An hourly wage increase has been offered to street, cemetery and park workers, reports indicated.

Other city departments include: engineering, attorney, Board of Public Works and Safety, building inspection, controller, clerk and court.

Last week, police officers voted on three contract proposals from the city and the one receiving the most votes calls for: a \$200 across-theboard pay raise accompanied by a \$500 increase in clothing allowance and a 15 percent hike in the amount the city pays on hospitalization insurance.

Also last week, firefighters accepted the following contract offer: a \$200 across-the-board pay raise; a \$200 increase in clothing allowance; a \$300 food allowance and a 15 percent increase what the city pays for hospitalization.

Currently firefighters and police officers receive 55 percent of their insurance paid and a \$600 clothing allowance.

Salaries must be approved by the

council by Aug. 1 under state law. according to city officials.

The council must approve all final salaries for all city employees except sewage and transit workers. Mrs. Geckeler said the Board of Public

Works and Safety approves salaries for those two employee groups.

Members of the Board of Public Works and Safety are the city controller, the city attorney and the city engineer.

### Salary ordinances before Council

The City Council is to meet at 7 p.m. today in special session to consider 1981 salary ordinances for most city employees.

City officials have reported salaries must be approved by the council by Aug. 1 under state law.

Some groups of city employees—firefighters, police officers and park workers— already have accepted financial offers from the city to cover

1981, according to City Hall reports.

The salary package accepted by firefighters calls for: a \$200 across-the-board pay raise; a \$200 increase in clothing allowance; a \$300 food allowance; and a 15 percent increase in what the city pays for hospitalization insurance.

Police officers voted on three contract offers last week and the one receiving the most votes would give the officers: a \$200 across-the-board pay raise accompanied by a \$500 increase in clothing allowance and a 15 percent hike in the amount the city pays on hospitalization insurance.

Park Department employees this morning accepted a contract offer of a 30-cent hourly increase with some increase in insurance benefits paid by the city, according to Park Superin-

tendent Pat Ralston.

Another group of workers, Street Department employees, reportedly turned down an offer of a 25-cent hourly raise accompanied by a jump in insurance benefits this morning, City Hall sources said. However, a counter proposal to the city was being worked on at press time today, reports indicated.

Cemetery workers also did not accept a contract proposal this morning, reports said. Sources indicated that offer included a 25-cent raise in the hourly wage rate.

City employees not represented by a bargaining unit are being offered a \$400 across-the-board pay raise, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler.

Mayor Pete Chalos was busy

throughout the morning with contract negotiations.

Meanwhile, no contract agreement has been reached between the city administration and the union employees at the sewage plant.

Jim Strange, representative for Plumbers & Steam Fitters Local 157, the bargaining unit for sewage workers, said a city offer of a 15-cent hourly increase to cover the second half of this year accompanied by a 25-cent hourly increase starting Jan 1, 1981, has been turned down by union workers at the plant.

The possibility exists the sewage workers could take a strike vote on Aug. 1, according to reports. However, Strange said, "We're hoping we can get together with the city."

### City Workers To Speak

By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer
A rather routine meeting of the Terre Haute City Council this Thursday evening could turn into forum of frustration for disgruntled city street department employees who are angry over a salary ordinance passed last week by the council.

Councilmen are to meet in the City Hall Courtroom at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to discuss ordinances to be voted on at the Aug. 14 council session. Those ordinances involve five rezoning requests and two appropriation bills.

According to Murray McCullough, union steward for city street workers, members of Laborers International Union of North America Local 204, were taken by surprise last week when the council approved salary ordinances for most city employees, including the street department workers.

McCullough said the union negotiating team has not agreed to a new contract with the city administration and said it was wrong for the council to approve a 25-cent hourly pay raise offered by the administration, but rejected by the

"The union has agreed to nothing and it was wrong for the council to ramrod that salary ordinance through without considering what the union thought."

McCullough said.

A group of about 20 street department workers attended the meeting last week, but did not speak for or against the salary ordinance. McCullough said the workers were not aware the ordinance included the street department since

no contract had been ratified

Ordinances to be discussed by the council include a request for \$3,932 by City Clerk Edward "Nick" Peters. The clerk said he needs the additional money to hire additional help to meet a recent mandate issued by the state court administrator's office. The clerk's staff has been assigned the responsibility of compiling monthly reports on all cases filed in Terre Haute City Court. The reports include the number of cases, the type of cases and their dispositions.

Another appropriation ordinance on the agenda is for \$21,211 for a firefighters training program. The money, to be taken from the federal revenue sharing public works account, is to be used to pay for costs of a training program

between the city and Indiana Vocational Technical College.

Rezoning legislation coming before the council includes these ordinances:

- An ordinance to rezone property at 2912 N. 15th St., for mobile home conditional use.

- An ordinance to rezone property at 710 Lafayette Ave., for an auto sales business.
- An ordinance to rezone property at 3109 Beech St., for mobile home conditional use.
- An ordinance to rezone property at 1663-1665 Eighth Ave. for storage of maintenance materials for Terre Haute Housing Authority.
  - An ordinance to rezone property at 1255 Locust St., for a gasoline station.

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#### Special session brief Con.

#### City Council passes salary ordinances

#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Salary ordinances covering most employees for 1981 were passed during a 15-minute special session of the City Council Tuesday night.

The council adopted salary ordinances for all city employees, except sewage and transit workers.

All city employees without bargaining representation will receive a \$400 annual pay increase under an ordinance approved Tuesday.

Wage packages apparently accepted by police officers and firefighters also were adopted by the council.

Tuesday's action also gives a 25-cent increase in the hourly wage paid to street and cemetery workers and a 30-cent hike in the hourly wage paid to park employees.

Some of the pay increases approved Tuesday night were rejected previously by the groups receiving them.

Uncer the approved ordinance, Street Department workers would get a 25-cent increase in their hourly wage rate. That raise, accompanied by an increase in insurance, was rejected earlier in the day by the Street Department workers who are represented by Laborers International Local No. 204.

Some Street Department workers attended Tuesday's council session, but they did not speak to the council about their pay.

After the meeting some of the employees told reporters they were not aware of what was happening at the council and that the pay ordinance was passed before they knew what was going on.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser said the ordinance was not "ramrodded" through and the workers had a chance to speak.

Murray McCullough, union steward for the street workers, said they will attend the next public council meeting to talk about salaries.

McCullough said he and his fellow employees want a 50-cent hourly wage increase with no increase in insurance benefits. Their contract runs out Dec. 31.

Cemetery workers make up another city employee group getting a 25-cent hourly wage hike under the ordinance" approved Tuesday night. They also voted against that wage increase during the past few days.

Park employees will be receiving a 30-cent increase in their hourly wage rate accompanied by a jump in their insurance benefits, according to reports.

That pay package for park workers was accepted by them Tuesday when they also voted to reject union representation from the laborers union.

The council also approved salaries for police officers Tuesday night. That package includes a \$200 across-the-board pay raise, accompanied by a \$500 increase in clothing allowance and a 15 percent hike in the amount the city pays on hospitalization insurance.

Firefighters also will be receiving pay and benefit increases under a salary ordinance approved by the council. That package calls for a \$200

across-the-board pay raise, a \$200 increase in clothing allowance, a \$300 food allowance and a 15 percent increase in insurance benefits.

All city employees not represented by a bargaining unit were granted a \$400 across-the-board annual pay raise

Elected city employees will not be receiving any pay raises in 1981, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler.

Rumors of a possible appearance at the meeting by retired firefighters were circulating around City Hall Tuesday night, but no retirees appeared.

Reports had been received that some retired firefighters were going to voice opposition to the firefighter wage package. They receive a certain percentage of any increases in their pension payments

All City Council members were present for Tuesday's meeting and they voted unanimously for all of the salary approvals. Neaderhiser made all motions for approving the salary ordinances.

### Council to discuss firefighter training

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance that would appropriate \$21,211 for increased firefighter training is among the proposed ordinances to be discussed by the City Council when it meets in "sunshine" session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The council is conducting a public hearing on ordinances to be considered for action when it meets in regular monthly session on Aug. 14.

The firefighting instruction appropriation ordinance calls for disbursement of funds titled "Federal Revenue Sharing Public Works Title II." That money is federal anti-recession money the city received in 1977 and 1978, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler.

City officials are proposing to use the money to have an instructor from Indiana Vocational Technical College teach a fire science course within the local Fire Department.

Hope has been expressed by some officials that fire science schooling will give the city a better fire in-

surance rating AUG 6 1980

Also to be discussed Thursday night is a \$3,932 appropriation ordinance to hire additional help in the City Clerk's office, according to reports.

The extra help is needed because of a recent mandate from the State Court Administrator's office.

The clerk's staff has the responsibility of compiling statistical reports to send to that state office.

Also on the discussion agenda for Thursday night, according to City Hall reports, are the ordinances to rezone:

- 2912 N. 15th St. and 2920 N. 15th
   St. for a mobile home.
- 710 Lafayette Ave. for an automobile sales lot.
  - 3109 Beech St. for a mobile home.
- 1663-1665 Eighth Ave. for a maintenance building and shop for storage of maintenance materials used by the Housing Authority.
- 1255 Locust St. for a gasoline station, the use the property has had since 1920, according to a rezoning petition at City Hall.

In addition to the planned agenda, the possibility exists some Street Department workers may address the council Thursday night.

In July, the council adopted a salary ordinance containing a 25-cent increase in the hourly wage paid street workers. The workers voted to reject that offer.

Some Street Department workers express dissatisfaction with the council action and said they would return to discuss the matter with the council at a later public meeting.

The TRIBUNE was unable to contact any Street Department worker representatives about attempting such an appearance Thursday night.

### Street Dept. employees protest of Council meet

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Terre Haute Street Department employees appeared before the <u>City</u> Council Thursday night to protest a 25-cent increase recently approved

for their hourly wage rate.

Murray McCullough, union steward for the street workers, said they would not accept the 25-cent increase and he criticized the council session where the hike was adopted. About 25 Street Department employees attended the meeting.

Also at Thursday night's "sunshine" discussion session, Floyd Cheesman, steward for striking union employees at the Wastewater Treatment Plant discussed wages with the

council members.

On July 29, the council passed the 25-cent hike in the hourly wage paid to Street Department workers.

Some Street Department workers attended that meeting, but they did not speak to the council about their

pay.

McCullough said Thursday night the July 29 meeting "went so fast nobody understood what went on you didn't give anybody any chance to

say anything."

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser responded to McCullough by saying that in the July session, Council President Kenneth Thomas asked three times if anyone had any discussion.

"I don't remember you saying it three times," McCullough said.

"It wasn't ramrodded through," Neaderhiser stated. He added that a misunderstanding apparently exOther ordinances were also considered by the City Council; story, page 9.

isted.

The 25-cent raise, accompanied by an increase in insurance, was part of an offer rejected by the Street Department workers who are represented by Laborers International Local No. 204.

t"All we're asking for is 50 cents more on the hour" with no increase in insurance benefits, McCullough said.

"I understand what your problem is... that inflation is eating away at your salary," said Councilman Larry Kirchner. "I agree you deserve more money, but show me where it is, help me find it."

Neaderhiser told the Street Department workers the salary ordinance had to be passed when it was because

it had a deadline of July 31.

Tom Rogers, another Street Department employee, said to the council, "When that snow falls, you don't mind working us in 18-hour shifts."

The contract with Street Department workers does not end until Dec. 31.

No action was taken by the council — the session was for discussion only.

After Street Department workers had their say, Cheesman said if the council approved a hike in sewage rates, the city could afford to give more of a raise to sewage workers.

Vigo County Public Library

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#### Sunshing Sessionairs File

# City Council members discuss ordinances 198

An ordinance that would appropriate \$21,211 for training of about 60 to 65 local firefighters was among the items discussed by the City Coun-

cil Thursday night.

The council met in "sunshine session" to discuss ordinances to be considered for action next week. Also at Thursday's session, Councilman William Jarvis urged tough enforcement of mobile home zoning laws.

The money for the firefighter training is to come from federal antirecession money the city received in

the late 1970s.

Under the proposed program, an instructor from Indiana Vocational Technical College would provide a basic training program to newer members of the local department.

Richard Nicoson, director of extended services for Ivy Tech, discussed the proposal with the council.

City administrative officials have expressed hope such training will help improve Terre Haute's fire insurance rating.

In other discussion Thursday night, Jarvis said the council should study the local mobile home ordinance to learn what provisions it carries.

Jarvis charged the ordinance has been "misused" on some occasions. He said many mobile homes are moved around the city to property not properly zoned.

Discussion of the mobile home law surfaced during presentation of some

rezoning ordinances.

About 23 minutes of the council session covered discussion of an ordinance that would appropriate

salary money for another employee in the City Clerk's Office.

A bill has been submitted seeking \$3,932 for the extra help through the

end of the eyar.

Debbie Kirk, chief deputy clerk, told the council the additional help is needed because of extra work the office has to perform. The office recently received the responsibility for submitting City Court reports to the State Court Adminstrator's office.

Council members received statistical reports showing an increased work load in the clerk's office.

City Court Judge James Lewis spoke in support of funding the extra person.

Some council members indicated they supported the additional help for the office.

Councilman Ray Azar said he was not against the additional help, but he did say he thought it was "poor timing" because other city employees have been told money for raises was limited.

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- 1663-1665 Eighth Ave. for a central maintenance facility to be used by the Housing Authority.

• 1255 Locust St. for possible use as

a gas station.

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# Zoning dominates City Council session

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Local zoning requirements dominated discussion again at a City Council meeting Thursday night.

The council met in "sunshine session" to discuss two rezoning ordinances to be acted on during regular session next week. The ordinances seek to rezone 2912 N. 15th St. and 3161 Linden for mobile homes.

Councilman William Jarvis said the properties being discussed were not properly posted as required by the zoning law. That measure requires a sign be put up on a property reporting that it is being considered for rezoning.

"If we go ahead and pass this without it being posted, it's illegal," Jarvis said. "Someone could come along and bring a (law) suit and overthrow it out if they wanted to," he added.

During a half-hour discussion on the matter, Mayor Pete Chalos reported the building inspector's office has the responsibility for posting the zoning notices on the property.

Chalos said a check needed to be made to see if the inspector's office had posted the notices.

The TRIBUNE contacted the building inspector's office this morning and Steve Vallely, housing inspector, said notices had been posted within proper time limits on both properties up for discussion Thursday night.

Councilman Larry Kirchner pointed out that signs can be torn down by vandals after they have been posted.

Chalos also said that property owners have some responsibility to be sure the signs stay up after they are posted.

Some councilmen said that property owners wanting a parcel rezoned should contact the inspection department if they are aware a sign has been removed!

Jarvis expressed concern that properties be properly posted so neighbors will be aware of changes that could affect the welfare of their neighborhood.

The purpose of the zoning law is to protect the welfare of persons already there, Jarvis said.

Enforcement of zoning laws has become a recurring council discussion topic during the past few months.

In addition to proper posting of zoning plans, the council also has had to deal with some persons opening a business on a property prior to it being properly zoned.

Some new legislation to crack down on that problem may be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

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#### Local Zoning Issues Attract Attention At Council Meeting

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

A property buyer's right to know zoning usages and the public's right to know proposed zoning changes were concerns of the Terre Haute City Council which met Thursday night to

act on various legislation.

Councilmen approved rezoning bills effecting four pieces of property, but tabled action on a fifth bill which would have allowed a mobile home to be erected at 2912 N. 15th St. Passage of bills allowing rezoning changes at 710 Lafayette Ave., 3109 Beech St., 1663-1665 Eighth Ave., and 1255 Locust St., came after councilmen discussed numerous problems related to the city's comprehensive zoning ordinance.

William Jarvis, the veteran councilman known to speak his mind, criticized the city building inspector's office for not properly posting notices at properties where zoning changes

have been requested.

Jarvis said notices must be posted at property to inform the public of proposed zoning changes. He said he will refuse to vote on rezoning ordinances if the property is not posted.

"These people in the neighborhood should be given a chance to know what's going on. If the property isn't posted, then how are they going to know a rezoning request has been made," Jarvis complained.

Jarvis threatened to rescind the salary of the building inspector unless

proper notices are posted.

Councilwoman June Hanley, chairwoman of the planning and zoning committee, said she will contact the building inspection office about the matter. She also called for a meeting between the building inspec-



#### WILLIAM JARVIS

tor, the city attorney and the rezoning committee to discuss enforcement of city zoning laws.

Realtors who do not fully inform prospective property buyers of the zoning usages also irritate Jarvis.

"These realtors know better than to sell property to someone without telling them what it can be used for," charged Jarvis.

Jarvis said persons buy property sometimes not aware of zoning limitations. He said there are times when businesses exist in buildings not properly zoned.

Councilman Larry Kirchner, a realtor, said he would inform the Terre Haute Board of Realtors about the problems encountered by the council.

The council did receive Thursday night a summary report of rezoning petitions submitted since 1968 and an amended version of the city's com-

prehensive zoning ordinance. Bob Baer, a staff member of the Vigo County Area Planning Department, presented the materials to the council and said the same information is available to realtors and other persons interested in zoning laws used to regulate, classify and limit property.

Baer said the updated zoning ordinance could be used as a "before you buy guide" to illustrate to realtors and prospective buyers current

zoning classifications.

Norma Spork, vice president of the council, praised the area planning department for its efforts and called the materials supplied by Baer as "quite helpful."

In other business, the council:

- Approved an ordinance appropriating \$1,600 for an additional employee in the city clerk's office. City Clerk Edward "Nick" Peters said CETA funds will be used to supplement the salary of the employee. The appropriation okayed Thursday night did not include funds for hospitalization, pension and social security benefits, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler. She said the benefits, approximately \$500 for the remainder of the year, would be paid by the city. The extra employee is to be used to account for dispositions of all cases filed in Terre Haute City Court.
- Approved an ordinance appropriating \$21,211 for a fire training school for city firefighters. The training school is to be conducted through the cooperation of Ivy Technical College
- Approved resolutions authorizing the application of operating assistance grants for the Terre Haute Transit Utility. The grants are being sought to defray losses incurred by the bus utility in 1979 and 1980.

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#### By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Tougher enforcement of local zoning laws could be forthcoming from city government.

At a regular meeting Thursday night, the council decided to conduct a meeting with Jim Beikman, city building inspector, to discuss enforcement of the local zoning ordinance.

In other business Thursday night, the council approved appropriation of \$21,211 for firefighter training and appropriation of \$1,600 for hiring of an additional employee in the City Clerk's Office.

Five rezoning ordinances came before the council Thursday night and during the evening the council members discussed various aspects of how the local law is enforced.

Among the problems that have existed in local zoning is the practice by some businesses to go ahead and open up at a site that is not properly zoned and then come before the council seeking a zoning change, according to council members. Councilman William Jarvis termed such a situation as "jumping the gun."

Location of mobile homes without proper permits and lack of public posting of a proposed zoning change are other problems cited by council

During Thursday's session, Jarvis said some properties were not properly posted that a zoning change was being considered. Such posting is required by the zoning law.

"The idea of that is to let the people of a neighborhood know what is going on (in regards to changing the property's use)," Jarvis said.

Various aspects of the zoning ordinance are to be discussed by the council. Beikman and City Attorney Robert Effner.

Perhaps the rezoning ordinance might be redone as a result of such conservations, according to council member June Hanley, chairman of the council's zoning committee and a member of the Area Plan Commission.

The council wants to make the public more aware of the need to have property properly zoned prior to moving a mobile home or business onto it, Mrs. Hanley said.

Jarvis said the council will have to start showing some "guts" in its dealing with zoning ordinances from

now on.

Four rezoning ordinances were passed by the council Thursday and one was tabled for further study.

Ordinances were passed to rezone: 710 Lafavette Ave. for an automobile sales lot: 3109 Beech St. for a mobile home: 1663-1665 Eighth Ave. for a Housing Authority central maintenance facility.; and 1255 Locust St. for possible use as a gas station.

A bill to rezone 2912 N. 15th St. for a mobile home was tabled for further

In other business Thursday night:

 The council approved spending \$21,211 for firefighter training. The money is coming from federal antirecession funds the city received in the late 1970s. An instructor for Indiana Vocational Technical College (Ivy Tech) is to provide training to about 60 to 65 firefighters. Some officials hope the training will help improve local fire insurance rates.

· Approval was granted to appropriate \$1,600 to pay part of the salary of another employee in the city clerk's office. CETA is to make up the remainder of the salary. Representatives of the clerk's office told the council the extra person is needed because of some new state reporting procedures that have increased the work load in that office.

· Council members okayed resolutions giving Mayor Pete Chalos the authority to apply for federal operating assistance grants to meet some expenses in running the local bus

utility.

· A no parking zone on the east side of Sixth Street from Linden Street to Maple Avenue was approved. Councilman Ray Azar said the zone was needed because of potential traffic danger to children crossing the street near Ouabache Elementary School.

· Fifteen money transfer resolutions were adopted. However transfer requests from the building inspection department, the Street Department, and city judge were held in committee because no one from those offices was present to explain the requests when the council was considering them.

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Proposed city budget for 1981

up for public review Monday

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By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council is scheduled to conduct a public hearing Monday night in City Hall on the proposed 1981 city budget that will determine how much local taxpayers will have to pay to meet governmental services.

Mayor Pete Chalos said he has issued a special call for the council to conduct the hearing. He also said all city department heads are to be asked to attend the session.

The hearing is expected to be conducted at 7:30 p.m., although a definite confirmation on that time was not available today.

The total proposal for various city funds was advertised at \$12.8 million, to be supported, in part, by a proposed total tax rate \$6.55.

Of the total budget proposal, \$8.83 million is being proposed for the city's general fund, which covers many city operations. The general fund proposal is about \$1.4 million over the general fund budget for this year, according to City Hall statistics.

A breakdown of the proposed tax

figure is \$5.86 to support the general fund, 61 cents to meet the park and recreation fund and about 6½ cents to meet the police pension fund.

Those tax rates would raise about \$9.32 million for city operations, according to advertised budget and tax figures.

The amount the taxes would raise is above state limits. Currently the tax rate to support city operations is raising about \$6.22 million and state law will allow that to increase only 4.56 percent for the 1981 budget, according to city officials.

Budget amounts being proposed for the various city funds are: \$8.83 million for the general fund; \$1.14 million for the motor vehicle highway fund; \$54,390 for the parking meter fund; \$971,176 for the park and recreation fund; \$753,603 for the police pension fund; \$834,137 for the fire pension fund; and \$279,417 for the cemetery fund.

Major increases are being seen in city expenses for utilities, trash pickup service and fuel, according to City Controller Tharon Geckeler.

The 1961 budget reportedly is being

proposed without any provisions for federal revenue sharing money, which offsets part of the local tax burden. Continuation of that program has not been approved for next year by Congress, but the possibility exists it might be renewed.

The City Council already has passed salary ordinances for most city employees next year. Street Department employees have expressed dissatisfaction with the wage package approved for them.

Final action is not expected on the budget until Aug. 25.

Prior to meeting on the budget Monday night, the council is to meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday to discuss local zoning ordinance enforcement with Building Inspector Jim Beikman, according to June Hanley, chairman of the council's zoning committe.

The council decided at its regular meeting Thursday to conduct a meeting with Beikman to discuss the zoning law. Some problems, such as businesses moving onto a piece of property prior to its being properly zoned, have existed, according to reports.

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### Cuts made in proposed budget

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The City Council began chipping away at the proposed 1981 city budget

Wednesday night.

During a four-hour meeting, the council reviewed 11 departmental budgets and cut \$17,145 from a \$12.8 million proposal, which is at least \$2 million more than state law allows.

Further budget review was to continue at 7 p.m. today in the City Hall Courtroom. The session is open to the

public.

The total city budget came to the council carrying a proposed tax rate of about \$6.55 to support the general fund, the park and recreation fund. and the police pension fund.

Not all budgets reviewed Wednesday night affect the local property tax rate, but the money still is spent

locally.

Of the budgets affecting the local tax rate, only \$12,250 was cut Wednesday night. A reduction of about \$14,238 from the budget will knock one cent off the proposed tax rate necessary to meet the budget.

With about half of its budget review

complete, the council apparently will \$68,802; and I not be able to trim the \$2 million excess from the budget. However. more cuts could be made as the budget goes through county and state tax review boards.

Among the departmental cuts made Wednesday night were: Board of Cemetery Regents, \$3,395 from a proposal of \$279,417; City Hall, \$2,200 from a proposal of \$96,478; Fire Alarm, \$100 from a proposal of \$6,775; Traffic Signal, \$500 cut from a proposal of \$13,000; and Fire Department, \$7,250 from a proposal of \$2,34 million.

Also, Street Department, \$1,000 from a proposal of about \$1.10 million: Park Department, \$1,300 from a proposal of \$971,176; and City Council, \$1,400 from a proposed \$24,000.

Most of the reductions in those budgets came in expenses for travel.

utilities and subscriptions.

Some budgets escaped Wednesday's review unscathed. No cuts were made in the following proposals: Legal Department, \$61.466; Engineering Department,

\$68,802; and Mayor's Office, \$60,889.

The overall city budget is more than the current budget because it is being proposed with expenditures the city has been picking up out of its federal revenue sharing money.

So far. Congress has not voted to continue federal revenue sharing into

next year.

Mayor Pete Chalos was present Wednesday night and suggested the council take some possible future

options into consideration.

If the city cuts its budget and revenue sharing is not approved, the city will not be able to appeal for the a budget above state limits. Chalos said.

However, if the city does not cut certain items and the federal revenue sharing does come in, county and state review boards will go ahead and trim the budget with expenses to be picked up from the federal money. the mayor stated.

Roberta Harrison, executive director of the Taxpayers Association of Vigo County, told the council a "question" could exist as to how the budget

hearings have been handled.

Mrs. Harrison said a State Board of Accounts bulletin said the hearing must be completed at least seven days prior to the time the budget is fixed. This year, that date is Aug. 25.

The council met Monday and the budget was introduced into council proceedings, but no review of the measure took place. The Monday meeting had been advertised as a

budget hearing.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, chairman of the council budget committee, said Wednesday's meeting was a continuation of Monday's session.

The pace of Wednesday's review picked up as the night wore on. The first budget reviewed was that of the cemetery board, and the council took an hour to act on it. During the other three hours, the council reviewed 10 other budgets.

Most of the people in the audience Wednesday night were city department heads or media representatives. Commenting on the public input. Neaderhiser said "We're going to blow \$13 million here, but nobody seems to care too much."

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## City government car-use policy discussed during council hearing

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

City government's car-use policy was one topic discussed Thursday night when the City Council attempted to cut the proposed 1981 city budget.

Also discussed were the costs incurred from local trash pickup, and the Terre

Haute Symphony

During a review of the inspection department budget, Councilman William Price asked if some of the city-owned cars currently being taken home could be pooled at City Hall. He cited the cost of running the vehicles as a reason for such a possible move.

Mayor Pete Chalos said the city would have to hire somebody to run such a car pool and possibly a secretary. Also, a night watchman might be needed to keep an eye on cars under such a setup, he added.

Councilman Larry Kirchner said the take-home cars are considered part of some city employees' pay and he questioned if the city would get competent service if the cars were taken away.

Price said the council was meeting to cut the budget and he would rather see it cut in the area of car use rather than in salaries.

No action was taken on the car-use policy by the council, but the topic surfaced later in the evening during review of the Police Department budget.

While talking with Police Chief Gerald Loudermilk, the council members learned the Police Department has about 72 cars that run. Of those, 18 marked cars and 33 unmarked cars are allowed to be taken home by some officers, Loudermilk reportsd.

Kirchner questioned if the cars were take-home cars really were a deterrent to crime. Loudermilk said it was and he quoted some statistics where officers with take-home cars assisted with police work during their off-duty hours.

The cost of trash removal brought the council to another discussion of possible ways expenses could be eased in the future. That service is to cost \$666,944 next year

One suggestion that surfaced was the possibility of the city operating its own trash pickup service.

Mayor Pete Chalos said his administration has investigated that possibility. To start such a service, the city would have to spend about \$1.6 million initially, he said.

On another topic Thursday night, the council approved giving \$6,000 to the Terre Haute Symphony next year, but not without discussion on the matter.

Kirchner questioned why the city supports a group where the musicians are paid to perform when persons in other groups, such as Community Theater, perform and rehearse for no fee.

A motion to strike the symphony budget item was made by Kirchner, but he withdrew it after Chalos said the administration would get together with the symphony board for a discussion.

Some council members expressed agreement with Kirchner's point about the city subsidizing a civic group where members are paid, but they also said the symphony is needed.

A symphony is part of the culture that is necessary to draw industry to a city, said Councilman Jack Neaderhiser. "I think it would be a shame if we cut it."

#### 'Sunshine session' set by City Council

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The Terre Haute City Council is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall to conduct its monthly "sunshine session."

The "sunshine" meetings are

The "sunshine" meetings are conducted to discuss ordinance proposals that will be coming up for action at the council's regular meeting the following week.

According to reports from City Hall, this month's agenda is expected to be lighter than normal with only two mobile home ordinances expected to be discussed.

One ordinance to be discussed seeks to rezone 3161 Linden St. for a mobile home. According to reports, the property is made up of four vacant lots and it is now believed to be zoned for residential use.

Another rezoning measure that might be discussed Thursday seeks to rezone 2912 N. 15th St. for a mobile home. That bill came before the council in August, but it was tabled for futher study.

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City Council discussion of local zoning requirements resulted in one councilman walking out of a Thursday night meeting prior to its adjournment.

The council met in regular session Thursday and approved rezoning of 3161 Linden St. for a mobile home, but the proper posting of properties for which a zoning change is being sought.

A few minutes after that ordinance was passed, Councilman William Jarvis asked to be excused from the meeting. Permission was granted and he left.

Jarvis said during a telephone in-

terview this morning that he left the meeting before it was over because he was "disgusted with the way they were running the meeting."

Prior to approval of the rezoning request for 3161 Linden St., Jarvis contended any passage of the ordinance would not be legal because the property was not properly posted with a notice that a zoning change was being sought.

City law requires a property be posted with a sign telling it is being considered for rezoning at least 10 days prior to any council action on the request. Jarvis said the property up for action Thursday night was not posted in time for the council to take action at this month's meeting.

At last week's council sunshine meeting, Jarvis said if a property is not properly posted and a zoning change is passed, the action could be illegal.

A letter from an Area Planning Department employee was read aloud Thursday night and it stated the property was posted for rezoning on Aug. 22. That would have been within the proper limits.

Jarvis said he disagreed with the letter. "Someone's not doing their job and they're trying to cover it up," he said. As of a week ago Thursday, the sign was not up, he said.

However, on the day after the

"sunshine" meeting, Jarvis said he saw a sign laying down on the property. He contended that sign was placed

there after the "sunshine" session. After last week's council session, the TRIBUNE contacted the building inspection department and an employee there stated the property had been posted within the proper time limits. Reports indicate that department has the responsibility for posting properties being considered for a zoning change.

Jarvis has continually stated properties up for rezoning need to be posted properly so neighbors will be aware of changes that could affect the welfare of their neighborhood.

The council finally voted 6-1-1 in favor of the zoning change for 3161 Linden St. Jarvis abstained from voting and Councilman Ray Azar voted against it "because of a cloud of doubt."

Other council members said they felt enough evidence had been presented that the property had been properly posted. No one from the involved neighborhood showed up at Thursday's meeting to protest the zoning change.

Another zoning bill up for action Thursday night was tabled for further study. It is seeking to put a mobile home at 2912 N. 15th St.

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# City ordinance Community Affairs File Would restrict trick-fairs File trick-or-treat

A city ordinance has been proposed to restrict the time local children can "trick-or-treat" this Halloween season.

What the proposed law would do, if passed, is restrict local goblins' "trick-or-treat" activities to Oct. 27 through Oct. 31.

Also, such activity could not take place past 9

p.m. during those nights.

The ordinance proposal also carries the provision

that violators can be fined up to \$300.

No action on the ordinance has been taken yet and before it becomes final, it must be passed by the City Council.

City Councilman Ray Azar, sponsor of the ordinance, has asked for public input and reaction

to the proposed restriction.

The council is expected to discuss the measure at its public discussion session on Oct. 2 and the bill is to come up for action at the council's regular monthly meeting on Oct. 9, according to standard council procedures.

The major purpose of the proposal, according to Azar, is to protect children during the evening

hours.

Another benefit, Azar said, is the protection of senior citizens. He pointed out that Terre Haute has many elderly residents and for them "a knock on the door after 9 p.m. is kind of frightful."

Azar, an elementary school principal, said he initiated drafting of the ordinance after being contacted by some parents who were concerned with the safety of children on the streets during the Halloween season.

Parent organizations have been urged to provide

input on the proposed ordinance.

According to Azar, parents figure into the proposal's enforcement because the intent of the proposed law is that parents would be responsible for their children "trick-or-treating" during the proper times.

Any fine handed down because of a violation probably would be levied against the parents, he

stated.

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### Council passes trash law of Affairs File

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

The city administration will be able to enforce a law concerning trash and garbage as the result of a measure passed by the City Council Thursday night.

Council members unanimously approved an ordinance giving the city inspection department or other city departments the power to enforce violations of a health nuisance law. Previously only the county health department had that ability under the city law.

The ordiance makes it unlawful for a property owner or occupant to allow trash to be deposited on real estate. Trash means all rubbish including glass bottles and containers, broken glass, rubber products, metals, rags, discarded furniture, appliances, tree toppings, grass, weeds and leaves.

Owners cited by the inspection department for such a violation will be given 10 days to remove the nuisance. After 10 days, the Board of Public Works and Safety will issue an order to have the lot cleaned and a bill for the work delivered to the owner, the ordinance states.

If the bill goes unpaid for more than 90 days the bill is added to the property taxes of the owner as a lien, according to the ordinance.

Persons convicted of a trash ordinance violation also can be taken to court and face penalties of up to \$300.

Once the new law become effective, "we will be out issuing 10-day notices and hopefully get cooperation from citizens and if not, we'll be

bringing them to court," Mayor Pete Chalos said today.

In other council business Thursday

- Council members unanimously approved a bill to establish one-way traffic south on Eighth Street between Maple and Lafayette avenues and north on Ninth Street between the same avenues. Next month the council is to consider a bill that would extend the one-way designations of Ninth and Eighth streets between Voorhees and Hulman streets.
- An appropriation of \$83,600 from the Hulman Links Nonreverting Fund for the golf course was approved unanimously.
- Council members tabled a bill to rezone 2840 N. 14½ St. for a trailer.

• An ordinance for a stop sign on First Avenue at 22nd Street was approved 5-4.

• Approval was granted, 9-0, for "No Turn on Red" signs at all legs of the intersection of Ninth Street, Eighth Avenue and Lafayette Avenue.

• Rezoning was approved for 10 acres of property east of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park. A change from an industrial classification to residential was approved.

 A bill to remove stop signs on Ninth Street at its intersection with Grant Street was tabled.

• An ordinance to remove stop signs on Eighth Street at Lockport Road and install signs on Lockport Road at the same intersection was approved 8-1.

### of trash law now started

Property owners who have allowed trash to accumulate on their land could be facing a fine of up to \$300 and a possible court appearance now that a new city trash enforcement ordinance has taken effect.

As of Monday, the city now has the authority to cite property owners for permitting trash, garbage, junk and other waste materials to accumulate in city limits.

Previously only the county board of health had the power to enforce the health law.

Announcement of the city's planned enforcement of the law was made by Mayor Pete Chalos Monday afternoon during a City Hall news conference.

The city inspection department will cite violations throughout the city as well as acting on the back log of trash complaints received during the past three months, Chalos said.

If a lot is determined to be a health hazard, the owner will be given 10 days to clean up the problem, according to the law.

After the 10-day period, the Board of Public Works and Safety is to issue an order to have the lot cleaned, the law states. If the bill is not paid by the property owner within 90 days, the charge is added as a lein to the owner's taxes.

A fine of up to \$300 may be assessed against a property owner convicted of a trash ordinance violation. A City Court appearance also is possible.

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By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance to restrict "trick-ortreat" activities received support at a City Council meeting Thursday, but some persons felt it does not go far enough.

Councilman Ray Azar has entered an ordinance to restrict "trick-ortreat" activities to 9 p.m. Oct. 27

through Oct 31.

That proposal was discussed at a council "sunshine" discussion session Thursday night along with other proposals. No action was taken, but the proposed laws are to be considered for a vote next week.

Azar reported he suggested the ordinance restriction for the safety of children and for the safety of elderly persons who are apprehensive of answering their doors past 9 p.m.

In a memo prepared on the subject, Azar said the ordinance would carry a fine that could be as low as \$1 or as high as \$300, whatever a judge deemed appropriate within that range. On the topic of enforcement, Azar said in the memo he did not envision patrol cars searching for violators, but if a complaint was telephoned in he would expect police to follow it up.

At Thursday night's hearing, Azar said the ordinance, if passed, would not affect the annual Halloween parade set for Halloween night.

Persons speaking about the ordinance Thursday night were in support of it, but some suggested a limit of 8 p.m. on two nights only — Halloween night and the night preceding it.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser spoke in favor of amending the proposal for a greater restriction as did four local residents who addressed

the council.

Azar said he would not be offended by any such amendments. He explained he made his ordinance for a five-night restriction so parents who have night meetings "could find a day, a night, to enjoy this activity with their children." Also discussed Thursday night were ordinances to:

- Establish a "No Parking" zone on Hulman Street between Third and Ninth streets.
- Rezone 2507 College Ave. for a commercial classification for a cleaning establishment already existing at the site.
- Amend an ordinance passed earlier concerning benefits for firefighters next year. Council members explained an ordinance passed earlier this year contained a \$300 food allowance provision, but the language did not specify for what the money was to be used.
- Rezone 2912 N. 15th St. for a mobile home.

About 14 spectators attended the meeting Thursday night. Only four of the nine council members were in attendance. They were Kenneth Thomas, Azar, Norma Spork and Neaderhiser.

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Trick-cr-treat ordinance

## to be City Council topic

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

items to be discussed by the City Council when it meets for a public discussion session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

What the proposed law would do, if passed, is restrict "trick-or-treat" activities to Oct. 27 through Oct. 31. Also, such activity would be limited to no later than 9 p.m. on those nights.

City Councilman Ray Azar, sponsor of the ordinance, has asked for public input and reaction to the proposed restriction.

Azar, an elementary school principal, has reported the major purpose of the proposal is to protect children during the evening hours.

No final action is to be taken on the ordinance Thursday night. That session is for discussion only and it is expected the measure will be acted on during a regular council session next week.

Other items to be discussed Thursday night, according to a council agenda, are two rezoning ordinances.

One of those measures seeks rezoning of 2507 College Ave. for a cleaning business. Such a business already ordinance concern exists there, John Trimpe Cleaners Fire Department.

According to reports, the business An ordinance to restrict this year's is seeking to update its zoning "trick-or-treat" time is one of the classification to a commercial designation.

Another ordinance up for discussion seeks to rezone 2912 N. 15th St. for a mobile home. This measure came before the council last month. but it was tabled for further study.

Zoning matters have been the subject of intense discussion at recent council meetings.

Councilman William Jarvis has contended some properties for which zoning is sought are not posted according to the city's zoning law.

Residents of a neighborhood have a right to know of possible zoning changes through the posting, Jarvis has said at previous meetings.

Representatives of the building inspection department have stated the properties questioned at some previous meetings were posted within time limits prescribed by law.

Also on tap for discussion Thursday is a proposal to establish a "no parking" zone on Hulman Street from Third Street to Ninth Street.

Another bill to be considered Thursday night seeks to amend an ordinance concerning benefits for the

## Limit set on 'trick-or

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Door-to-door "trick-or-treat" activities will be limited to two days this year under an ordinance unanimously passed Thursday night by the City Council.

Also passed by the council, meeting in regular session, were two inducement resolutions in support of issuing economic development revenue bonds for renovation of the Holiday Inn and expansion of Parks Purity Pies.

Under the Halloween-related ordinance, "trick-or-treat" visits door to door will be limited to 9 p.m. on Halloween and the day preceding it.

Council members pointed out the law affects door-to-door "trick-ortreating" and it will not hamper Halloween parties.

The original ordinance was entered by Councilman Ray Azar who said he did it for the safety of children and the welfare of elderly persons.

Azar's original proposal contained a five-day restriction, but that was trimmed to two days on an amendment by Councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

Council President Kenneth Thomas reported he has had more contact from local residents about the "trickor-treat" ordinance than any other ordinance the council has considered in his nine years on the city legislative body. Most public comment on the matter was in favor of a restriction.

In other business Thursday night, the council took one of the first steps in approval of bond financing for the Holiday Inn and Parks Purity Pies

Inducement resolutions in support of the projects' concepts were approved by the council. Ordinances will have to be passed later to approve the actual financing of the projects. The city is not obligated toward payment of any bonds, reports indicated.

The Holiday Inn project is to involve a \$3.5 million bond issue for renovation of a lobby, rooms and a new Holidome recreation area, according to Eric Frey, attorney for the Economic Development Commission.

About 40 to 50 permanent jobs will be created at the motel as a result of the work. Frey told the council.

The Parks Purity Pies project involves a \$200,000 bond issue for expansion of warehouse facilities, Frey stated. It should mean about 10 permanent jobs, he reported.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the council voted 5-4 to pass an ordinance to rezone 2912 N. 15th St. for a mobile

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home. However, Mayor Pete Chalos said he plans to veto that ordinance.

Chalos said he does not think the people planning to live at that site actually own all of the involved property. Also, he said he had questions about opening up more of Terre Haute to mobile homes.

The ordinance received much discussion among council members and some people from that area of the city spoke against the rezoning.

Another rezoning measure also was passed Thursday night to designate 2507 College Ave. as a commercial business classification. The property is a cleaners and it is being sold. The zoning is being updated for the sale of the business, which is to remain a cleaners, reports indicated.

A bill that seeks to establish a no parking zone on Hulman Street between Third and Sixth streets was tabled.

One item that took up much of the council's time Thursday was a resolution to transfer \$2,000 within the city judge's budget.

The council approved the transfer for the purchase of pagers for the judge and his bailiff, an intercom system to be used at the judge's office door, an electric lock system and a recording system.

The intercom system and the electric lock are being sought for security reasons, according to City Court Judge James Lewis.

By using the intercom and the electric lock, visitors to the judge's office can be screened, Lewis said. He reported someone recently threw something into his office.

### Laud City Council's 'Trick or Treat' action

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The City Council's action Thursday night concerning "Trick or Treat" restrictions is commendable. It should not be considered as a "Kill-joy" type of action.

On the contrary, it can save many possible accidents, unwarranted property destruction and possibly save lives (children and adults).

The ordinance which restricts door-to-door "trick or treating" to 9 p.m. on Halloween and the day preceding it, was passed by a 9-0 vote, as amended. (The original proposed ordinance was submitted for a 5-day restriction.) The ordinance will not affect activities such as Halloween parties.

The ordinance was entered by Ray Azar who said he did so for the protection of children and elderly persons. Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos has signed the Ordinance and it will become law after it is published.

The darkness hours are of course conducive to Hob-Gobblins, Ghosts, etc., ect. However, much vandalism, as well as assaults, rapes and robberies are also recorded during the hours of darkness.

Children dressed in their Halloween costumes (which many times are dark in color and possibly cumbersome to mobility) can be walking targets for unsuspecting motorists in many neighborhoods of the city.

We urge parents or some

responsible adult or youth to accompany the children during their "trick or treat" activities. This does not necessarily hamper the joy children derive from such activities, but, it does provide a safety factor for such events and can possibly prevent a citizen's or family's Halloween pleasures from being marred by a possible preventable accident. It should also cut down on Halloween vandalism.

Motorists are urged to exercise care at all times, however, a realization of additional children on the streets during the Halloween period nights, should kindle an additional alertness.

Another important point to the council's action is: older citizens who still enjoy seeing their neighborhood children, friends and relatives in Halloween garb, should be able to have that pleasure with more peace of mind. Knowing that the new restriction limits the activities to two nights until 9 p.m., they can be better prepared for what to expect.

For the children, there is about four hours of dusk and darkness each of the two nights. This should be ample time for them to fill their "treat" bags or containers and have a good safe time. Many activities are also planned for daylight hours.

Again, we feel the City Council action in this matter is commendable.

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#### Community Affairs File Community In other business Wednesday:

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

A member of the Board of Public Works and Safety wants to meet with City Council representatives to discuss implementation of an ordinance that grants special parking spaces to handicapped persons.

A request for a handicapped parking space came before the board Wednesday and it prompted City Controller Tharon Geckeler, a member of the board, to suggest the handicapped parking ordinance be discussed with council members.

The ordinance took effect last year. but since that time no money for required parking signs and stickers has been available, according to city officials.

The board has approved handicapped parking spaces for some persons, but no signs marking those spaces have been put up because of the lack of money, reports indicated.

Mrs. Geckler said she wanted to meet with some council members to discuss funding for signs and some of the specifications of the ordinance.

The measure was passed during the summer of 1979, according to city records.

What the ordinance is intended to do is give physically handicapped persons the exclusive use of a parking space adjacent to their residences and to their place of employment. No permit is to be granted to a person who has access to off-street parking at a residence or place of employment, unless that off-street parking is a burden for the person, according to the ordinance.

To get a space, a person must be certified by a physican to be disabled in a manner making it difficult to walk for an extended period of time. the ordinance states.

The Board of Public Works and Safety makes final approval of any handicapped parking spaces. If approval is granted, the board is to issue a permit, and to request the Street Department to mark the space by painting the curb and installing a sign indicating the restricted use, according to the ordinance.

 Board members accepted the retirement of Herschel Johnson from the Police Department effective Oct.

24. He joined the force in February of

 A sewage rate adjustment request made by Silverstein Bros. Inc., 526 Wabash Ave., was denied. Relief was sought by the business on the basis of air conditioning water. City Engineer Louis Glascock, a member of the board, reported a study had found the air conditioning water was being released into the sewer system and it was being treated.

•A request from the Woodridge Motel for a payment program in meeting its cost for hooking onto the city sewer was taken under advise-

ment.

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## Councilman Favors More One-Way Streets

Terre Haute Councilman Bill Jarvis said the city administration needs to conduct a traffic study and recommended more one-way streets be designed to alleviate traffic congestion.

Jarvis recommended the study during a public hearing of the city council Thursday night. Councilmen discussed ordinances, including 10 traffic bills, which are up for vote at the

Nov. 13 council meeting.

"The requests for stop signs has got plum out of hand," said Jarvis who advocates greater use of yield signs instead of stop signs.

He asked City Engineer Louis Glascock to organize a master traffic study of the city to determine the feasibility of more one-way streets throughout Terre Haute.

"I think we need more one-way streets and then relocate the stop signs at least two blocks apart," suggested Jarvis.

The council discussed requests for stop signs at 9½ Street and Wheeler Avenue, Ninth and Barbour streets, Eighth Street and Woodlawn Avenue, Ninth Street and Grand Avenue and Douglas Place and East Lawrin Boulevard.

Yield signs have been requested to be installed at Layher Avenue and Greenwood Avenue, Seabury Avenue and 13½ Street, Harrison Avenue and 13½ Street, and Idaho and 29th streecs. A resident of the city asked the council to place a stop sign at the intersection of Idaho and 29th streets rather than a yield sign.

Councilman Ray Azar asked Glascock to conduct a traffic study at Adams Boulevard and Hudson Boulevard to determine the need for a traffic sign at that intersection. No ordinance requesting the traffic sign has been submitted to the council, however.

The council also discussed legisla-

tion for:

 Making traffic one-way east on Wheeler Avenue from Seventh to 9½ streets.

- Rezoning property at the northwest corner of Seventh and Voorhees streets for a service station.
- Annexing property at 5300 Dixie
   Bee Road. The property is expected to be used as a liquor store.

## Rezoning law change Complete Councilman Complete Councilman Complete Councilman City Planning H

A change in the city's rezoning law is going to be proposed by City Coun-

cilman Ray Azar.

Azar reported at a Thursday night council discussion session that a recent rezoning ordinance brought to light a vagueness in the city's law regarding control of the land to be rezoned.

The councilman reported he plans to introduce an amendment to the law that says a person would not just have control of the land, but actually own

Last month, the council passed, with a 5-4 vote, a rezoning ordinance to allow a mobile home at 2912 N. 15th St. The woman wanting to locate the trailer on that site reportedly owned part of the property and was leasing the remainder with the intent to purchase, according to reports.

Some councilmen questioned how much control the woman actually had on the land and how that would affect the city's power to enforce the rezon-

ing law.

Discussion of that piece of property will come up again next week when

the council meets in regular session. Mayor Pete Chalos did not sign the ordinance into law and that means it was vetoed.

Various other ordinances were discussed by the council Thursday night. Most of the bills reviewed are to be considered for action at next week's

regular session.

One item discussed seeks to annex 5300 Dixie Bee into city limits. Councilman William Jarvis said the ordinance is only for .186 acres of land and he does not think that is enough land to merit the city's cost of providing services there.

Reports indicate the site is a vacant service station and that some type of liquor business is being planned for the property. No one connected with the property was present at Thursday night's meeting.

Also covered Thursday night was an ordinance to rezone the northwest corner of Seventh and Voorhees streets for commercial use. The site has housed a service station for years and it was zoned residential when the zoning laws took effect. A report to the council indicated the service station has been leasing the land from a church and now it wants to buy the

Another rezoning ordinance discussed seeks to put a parking lot at 1517 N. Sixth St. for a medical sciences building.

Numerous traffic ordinances were discussed Thursday night. Some ordinances are seeking yield signs on: Layher at Greenwood; Seabury at 131/2 Street; Harrison at 131/2 Street; and Idaho Street at 29th Street.

Stop sign ordinances also were discussed for four "T-street" intersections - on Barbour Avenue at Ninth Street; on Woodlawn Avenue at Eighth Avenue; on Grand Avenue at Ninth Street; and on Douglas at East Lawrin.

Another bill discussed seeks to make Wheeler Avenue one way west from 91/2 Street at Wheeler Avenue.

Two appropriation ordinances for Hulman Links also were discussed, but they are to be withdrawn by the Park Department.

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# City Council expected to ask field hearing on rate hike

A request for the Public Service Commission to conduct a local field hearing on a proposed Public Service Indiana rate hike is expected to be made by the City Council.

The council meets in regular monthly session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in City Hall and Councilman Ray Azar is to introduce a resolution that would have the council request the field hearing.

Such a hearing already has been requested by State Rep. Darrell E. Felling, D-50th District, and by Vigo County Citizens Action.

"I think the people of Terre Haute deserve the opportunity to make their

comments on the proposed rate increase," Azar said during a telephone interview today.

In addition to affecting citizens, the rate hike also would affect city government operating costs, Azar said.

According to figures from Azar, in 1977, the city paid about \$447,000 for electric usage. That included cemetery, park, fire and City Hall departments. A rate hike was granted in 1978 and the 1979 electric bill for the city came to \$508,000, he said.

Azar said he was not against a rate hike, but he wants to make sure any increase is a deserved one.

Also scheduled to be considered for

action Thursday night is an ordinance to rezone the northwest corner of Seventh and Voorhees streets for commercial use. A service station has been at the site for years, but it fell under a residential zoning when zoning laws took effect. The site is to stay a service station, but the property is being sold and the zoning update is being sought.

Another rezoning measure up for action Thursday night seeks to place a parking lot at 1517 N. Sixth. The lot is to serve a medical sciences building.

A rezoning ordinance passed last month to allow a mobile home at 2912 N. 15th St. also is expected to come before the council Thursday night. The council approved that rezoning 5-4 last month, but Mayor Pete Chalos "pocket vetoed" it by not signing it into law.

Also up for possible action Thursday night is an ordinance to annex 5300 Dixie Bee Road into city limits. Reports indicate the site is a vacant service station and that some type of liquor business is being planned for the property.

Numerous traffic ordinances are to be on Thursday night's agenda too. Some yield signs are being sought on: Layher at Greenwood; Seabury Avenue at 13½ Street; Harrison at 13½ Street; and Idaho Street at 29th Street.

Stop signs are being sought for four "T-street" intersections — on Barbour Avenue at Ninth Street; on Woodlawn Avenue at Eighth Avenue; on Grand Avenue at Ninth Street; and on Douglas at East Lawrin.

Another bill seeks stop signs on 9½ Street at Wheeler Avenue. A companion measure seeks to make Wheeler Avenue one way west from 9½ Street to Seventh Street.

Also expected to come before the council Thursday night is an ordinance calling for no parking on Hulman Street from Third Street to Ninth Street. That bill was tabled last month and it might be amended this month

#### City Warns Against Improper Leaf Burning

City Council President Ken Thomas warns local residents not to burn leaves on local streets and said violators can be fined.

Thomas issued the warning prior to Thursday night's city council meeting at City Hall. He said he has received complaints about persons burning leaves in

"A lot of money has been spent on these streets and burning leaves on fresh asphalt ruins the streets. We urge persons not to burn the leaves on the streets,"

According to Mayor Pete Chalos, there will be less money to spend on streets in 1981 because of reductions in state aid. He said the financial situation of the city is in limbo until Congress takes action on reenactment of the \$4.6 billion federal revenue sharing bill.

Thursday night, the mayor told city councilmen a "disaster plan" has been developed with department heads because of the chance revenue sharing will not be reinstated. He asked the council to meet with department heads to discuss priorities in spending if revenue sharing is curtailed.

In other action by the council, these traffic ordinances were passed. - No parking on Hulman Street from U.S. 41 east to the alley west of Seventh Street. Parking on this section of Hulman Street is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The ordinance also prohibits parking 24 hours a day on Hulman Street from the alley west of Seventh Street to the alley east of Seventh Street.

- Making Wheeler Avenue one-way west from 9½th to Seventh streets.
   Providing for a stop sign at 3½th Street and Wheeler Avenue. - Providing for a yield sign at Layher and Greenwood avenues.
- Providing for a yield sign at Seabury Avenue and 13½th Street.
- Providing for a yield sign at Harrison Avenue and 131/2th Street.
- Providing for a stop sign at Ninth Street and Barbour Avenue.
   Providing for a stop sign at Woodlawn Avenue and Eighth Avenue.
- Providing for a stop sign at Grand Avenue at Ninth Street.
- Providing for a stop sign at Douglas Place at East Lawrin Boulevard. - Providing for a yield sign on Idaho Street at 29th Street.

The council also passed legislation rezoning property at 1517 N. Sixth St., for a parking lot for the Union Hospital medical sciences building, and at Seventh and Voorhees street for a gasoline station on the northwest corner of the intersection.

#### **Zoning Violations** To Be Cited: Council

By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer

City councilmen Thursday night upheld Mayor Pete Chalos' veto of a mobile home rezoning ordinance and promised to impose fines against persons guilty of zoning violations.

The action by the council came during its November meeting in which resolutions supporting codification of city ordinances and requesting a Public Service Commission field hearing also were approved. Councilmen, too, passed legislation annexing property at 5300 Dixie Bee Road.

Chalos refused to sign into law an ordinance passed last month 5-4 which rezoned property at 2912 N. 15th St., for mobile home conditional use. The mayor said he opposed the ordinance because the petitioners for the property

did not own enough land to situate the mobile home.

The mobile home owners did have an option to buy extra parcels of land to locate the structure, but Chalos said property should not be rezoned unless the petitioners own all the property required. The council sustained the mayor's pocket veto 6-1, Councilman Norma Spork casting the only opposing vote.

Councilman Ray Azar has introduced an ordinance which would require persons wanting mobile home conditional use zoning to own the necessary

amount of property. The bill is to be acted on next month.

Vada Snoddy, a spokesman for the Highland Neighborhood Association, approached the council about zoning violations. She said a mobile home in her neighborhood is located on property not zoned for mobile home usags. Chalos told Mrs. Snoddy the city does not have the authority to remove the mobile home from the site, but could impose fines for zoning violations. The mayor said the city building inspector would be instructed to investigate the claim made by Mrs. Snoddy

City Bullding Inspector Jim Beikman believes laws governing zoning violations should be rewritten giving city officials greater power of enforcement. The council unanimously approved a resolution offered by Councilman Bill Price which supports appropriating up to \$5,000 for codification of all city ordinances. Beikman recommends stronger zoning enforcement laws be enacted in conjunction with planned codification of existing laws.

The council unanimously approved a resolution offered by Councilman Azar which seeks a Public Service Commission field hearing in Terre Haute regarding the proposed rate hike by Public Service Indiana. Azar wants local PSI customers to have an opportunity to inquire about the rate change.

Property at 5300 Dixie Bee Road was annexed into the city as a result of action by the council Thursday night. Benjamin F. Crawford, attorney representing Dixie Bee Enterprises, Inc., said owners of the property propose to use the building for a liquor store. A rezoning ordinance effecting the property is to be voted on by the council next month. Percy, who met reporters briefly Mygers Community Affairs F

#### Codification of ordinances to be delayed T NOV 2 6 1980 By BRYAN TAYLOR

Tribune Staff Writer

Plans for codification of city ordinances apparently will be delayed from a date projected earlier this month, according to City Hall reports.

City Clerk Edward "Nick" Peters had planned to have a graduating law student start work on updating city laws into one volume next week.

The City Council passed a resolution this month giving support to having all city laws codified into one book at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Mayor Pete Chalos did not sign that resolution. Peters said he now would take the resolution back to the council to see what should be done on the matter.

No codification work will start as planned because of the uncertainty of any funding on the project, Peters said. The council resolution was in support of the proposed work, but no money had been appropriated for it.

Meanwhile, Chalos said today he is presenting some proposals from a professional codification firm to some council members.

Earlier proposals from the professional firms placed the codification cost at about \$9,000, Chalos said.
That would include the updating work, 60 copies of the code and an annual update after the initial codification is done, he explained.

Peters proposed to the council last month that the law student do the work at a cost estimated betrween \$3,500 and \$5,000.

Under the plan presented, the city would be furnished one copy of the updated code book and other copies could be turned out from a newly acquired copy machine in the clerk's office.

Chalos said he thinks written proposals should be presented to city officials "to know what we're getting." He said he had nothing against a law student doing the work, but he wanted to see a written proposal.

The mayor also said the city should wait to see if federal revenue sharing money is approved for 1981 prior to approving a codification contract.

City laws were last codified in 1964 and updated in 1970, according to Peters. He said the time is long overdue to get the laws updated into one book.

## Mobile Home Zoning

By J. BLAINE AKERS Star Staff Writer

Terre Haute City Councilman Ray Azar is proposing changes in an ordinance governing the zoning of mobile homes which he believes will give the city administration greater

enforcement power.

The mobile home bill and other legislation up for vote at the Dec. 11 council meeting are to be discussed at a 7:30 p.m. Thursday city council public hearing at City Hall. Other matters to be discussed include amendments to the handicapped parking ordinance, a bill prohibiting smoking on city buses, and three rezoning requests.

Azar said the current mobile home conditional use ordinance needs "tightened up" and recommends no property be considered for rezoning unless it is under sole ownership and

control of the petitioner.
"We need to tighten up the language so the city can enforce the ordinance. Now, there are ways of getting a mobile home rezoned without the person owning the entire tract of land," Azar said.

The ordinance follows recent action by the council in which property was rezoned for mobile home conditional use, although the owner did not own the required 20,000 square feet of area to situate the mobile home. The petitioner did have a lease on additional property which would satisfy the space requirement, however.

Mayor Pete Chalos vetoed the ordinance and the council sustained that veto. Chalos said he wanted persons to own the necessary amount of land before seeking mobile home conditional use zoning. He said lease agreements between the property owner and the mobile home owner would be difficult for city administrators to monitor.

Azar agrees with the mayor and said, "We have no way of knowing whether is the mobile home owner fullfilling the requirements of the lease. And it creates an enforcement problem," he remarked.

Councilman Bill Jarvis is to introduce an ordinance banning smoking on city buses. The ordinance calls

for a fine up to \$300 for violators.

According to Jim Rosa, manager of Terre Haute Mass Transit, he has received numerous complaints from persons regarding smoking.

"A lot of people are opposed to smoking on buses because of the odor and for some people the smoke is hard to breath," Rosa said.

Rosa said film from smoke collects on the windows and seats of the bus. He said persons have complained heir clothes smell of smoke after iding on city buses.

The THMT manager doesn't feel a an on smoking will reduce ridership.

"I feel most people can refrain rom smoking for 15 minutes or so thile their riding on a bus," Rosa

Bus drivers also will be prohibited from smoking. He said drivers are allowed to smoke outside the bus at

stops, however.

The council is to consider amendments to an ordinance providing parking privileges for physically handicapped persons. The amendments redefine the term "physically handicapped person" and provide for a collection of a fee for those persons granted the parking privilege.

A physically handicapped person, according to the ordinance being proposed, is defined as any person certified by a qualified physician to be physically handicapped in such a way as to impair their movement and/or patients under a doctor's care suffering from permanent or longterm medical problems requiring reduction in ther physical activity making it impossible or burdensome for him or her to walk for an extended distance.

Persons granted a handicapped parking permit will pay a \$25 fee. The permit is renewable yearly for an additional \$10 fee. Persons will be given a reserved space permit with an identification number. The same number will be printed on a traffic sign to be erected at the parking space to be used by the person. Reserved spaces are to be painted

Other ordinances to be discussed by the council Thursday night include:

-Rezoning of property at 1503 Ohio St. for medical and real estate offices.

-Rezoning of property at 5300 Dixie Bee Road for a liquor store.

-Rezoning of property in the 600block of Beech Street for medical

-A proposal to provide "no turn on red" signs at 13th and Locust streets.

-Amending the ordinance concerning payment of tap-on fees for connection to the city sewer system.

### No smoking on buses proposed

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Smoking would be prohibited on city buses under a proposed law to be discussed by the City Council Thursday night.

The council is to meet at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall for a public "sunshine" session to discuss ordinances up for action at its regular meeting next week.

One of those proposals would ban smoking on city buses. Any person lighting up on the mass transit system could face a possible fine of up to \$300.

The proposal states smoking on buses presents a potential hazard and it can do considerable damage to buses.

Smoke film and cigarettes increase cleaning costs on the buses, according to Jim Rosa, mass transit manager. Also, cigarettes can burn holes in bus seats, he added.

The bus system has received numerous complaints from people who have to wash their clothes of smoke smell after riding a bus, Rosa stated.

Also up for discussion Thursday night is an ordinance to amend an existing city law concerning handicapped parking spaces.

The amendment specifies the term "physically handicapped" and it sets

up fees to pay for the reserved handicapped parking permits.

The proposed amendment defines a physically handicapped person as one certified by a physician to have a handicap that makes it burdensome or impossible to walk an extended distance.

Also called for in the proposal is a \$25 fee for the initial year of a reserved handicapped parking space and \$10 for renewal of the space.

City Controller Tharon Geckeler reported no fees exist in the current law and it does not specify where the money is to come from for installation of the reserved signs.

Another amendment to be discussed Thursday night is aimed at tightening up the mobile home zoning T DEC 2 1980 law, according to Councilman Ray Azar.

That measure stipulates only one mobile home may exist on a 20,000 square foot area and the land must be under single ownership and control.

The current law regarding mobile homes states the person seeking rezoning must be in control of the property, Azar said.

Ownership is not specified in the existing law, Azar said. That could give the city problems in enforcing zoning regulations when actual control and ownership of the property are questionable, he said.

The amendment proposal is the result of a mobile home rezoning sought earlier this year where the

person seeking the rezoning did not own all of the property, but did have a lease on the part she did not own.

Other ordinances to be discussed Thursday night seek to:

•Amend the payment policy for hooking on to a new sewer. Charles Bryan, manager of the sewage billing office, said the ordinance calls for paying the \$400 connection fee over a 10-year period instead of the existing 25 years.

Rezone 1503 Ohio Street for a real estate office.

•Install "no turn on red" signs at 13th and Locust streets.

•Rezone property in the 600 block of Beech St. for medical offices.

•Rezone 5300 Dixie Bee Road for a liquor business.

# Proposal To Ban Smoking On City Buses Draws Comment At Council Meeting | By CHRIS COMBS | Winder said the stance is not as | Winder said the stance is | W

1 By CHRIS COMBS Star Staff Writer

Sentiments by city council members and the public were similar on many most issues addressed Thursday evening as favorable comments were expressed on ordinances to ban smoking on city buses, amend the mobile home ordinance and amend an ordinance concerning handicapped parking.

Thursday's public hearing dealt with ordinances which will be voted on by the city council at its regular

meeting next Thursday.

The ordinance to provide for no smoking on city buses is aimed at "protecting those who have trouble breathing," said councilman William Jarvis who is sponsoring the rule.

"I signed the ordinance because I knew many people were put in misery by smelling smoke in closed quarters," Jarvis explained.

Jack Winder, speaking on behalf of Terre Haute Mass Transit, said the primary reason the managers are against smoking on buses is because "it takes the freshness out of the air."

Winder said the stance is not an indictment on smoking but the utility has received numerous complaints from riders. In addition, Winder cited damage to bus seats from cigarette burns and safety as reasons for support of the ordinance.

No smoking signs had been posted on buses under previous management, Winder said, however smoking gradually was allowed because of what he called a "breakdown in

management."

Only one representative spoke against the ordinance, saying banning smoking would be an "infringement on personal rights." Bob Weimuth, president of Weimuth and Son Inc. and active on tobacco commissions, also said the regulation would be "unenforceable."

Councilwoman June Hanley emphasized support of the ordinance, but questioned if the council has the right to "tell people what they can and

cannot do."

Weimuth asked, "If you ban smoking are you going to ban gum, popcorn and portable radios because of the noise?" Councilman Jarvis answered Weimuth by saying the comparison was "ridiculous" and "child's play." "It might be inconvenient for someone who smokes, but it is a terrible

inconvenience for someone with a breathing problem," Jarvis said.

Winder estimated the longest time a person would have to refrain from smoking would be 35 minutes in the case of a patron taking two routes. "Most people are only on the bus about 15 minutes and probably wouldn't mind," Winder said.

Little discussion occurred on an ordinance proposed to amend the mobile home conditional use legislation. The ordinance, sponsored by councilman Ray Azar, would require property to be under sole ownership and control of the petitioner before rezoning is considered. Azar believes the amendment would allow for better enforcement of the ordinance.

An ordinance to provide parking privileges for physically handicapped persons also drew favorable comment from council members.

The ordinance would grant a handicapped parking permit for a \$25 fee

if a person meets the eligibility requirements defined in the ordianance and would be renewable yearly for an additional \$10.

Persons would be given a reserved space permit with a sign erected at the space.

Councilwoman Hanley questioned if the yearly fee would compensate for painting and maintenance of the spaces by the city. Azar, sponsor of the ordinance, said he realized the intitial fee would not pay for even the sign, but added the yearly amount would pay for the maintenance "in

Azar suggested the ordinance could also be amended in the future if needed.

During a discussion of an ordinance to rezone property at 5300 Dixie Bee Road to locate a liquor store, Jarvis advised a policy be formulated on annexing property into the city.

The property had been annexed into the city during October and the ordinance to rezone had been disapproved by the executive committee of the Area Planning Commission during a meeting Tuesday.

Hanley voiced remarks reported from the meeting which criticized annexing practices and defended the council by saying, "We have to do it (annex) as it comes before the council. We just can't take everything."

Ben Crawford, representing the corporation involved with the property in the ordinance, explained the committee had said it was not against the liquor store, but zoning small pieces at a time into the city. Jarvis said the zoning ordinances are to protect residents and a standard policy should be made concerning annexing.

In other business, the council appointed Russ Arnold to the Department of Redevelopment Board of Trustees following the resignation of Don Ross.

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Smoking ban City Council topic

By BRYAN TAYLOR Tribune Staff Writer

Should smoking be allowed in city

buses?
The City Council is expected to provide its answer to that question Thursday when it meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall to consider a measure to ban smoking on buses.

Also up for possible action Thursday are ordinances to update the existing handicapped parking ordinance and a bill to amend an ownership requirement concerning zoning for mobile homes.

The bus ordinance would prohibit smoking by drivers and passengers on city buses. The proposed measure calls for a fine of up to \$300 for a violation of the law.

Mass transit officials have talked in favor of the ordinance saying many bus passengers have complained about smoke getting into their clothing during a bus ride.

They also have reported the smoke causes extra cleaning work, it gets into the eyes of riders and it presents a safety hazard.

Many of the council members indicated support of the bill when it was discussed last week at a public discussion session.

However, some questions were raised during that discussion. One item brought up was the enforcement of the ordinance.

Councilman Larry Kirchner said last week that most smokers would put out their cigarettes if signs are posted and if the drivers tell them to stop.

Another topic discussed was the personal right of bus patrons to smoke. One suggestion was made that smokers could ride in the back of the bus, but a transit official said the buses are too small for that to do any good in eliminating smoke effects on / other passengers.

Persons speaking in support of the measure pointed out that the amount of time a smoker would have to ride without lighting up would only be between 15 and 35 minutes.

The president of a local vending supply company spoke in opposition to any non-smoking legislation.

Also up for action Thursday night is a bill to update the current handicapped parking ordinance that allows physically handicapped persons to obtain a reserved parking space next to their residences or places of employment if no off-street parking is available.

The amendment proposal would set

a \$25 fee for the first year of a reserved space with a \$10 renewal fee for each following year. Currently, no money is available to pay for signs to mark the special places and the fees would help defray part of that cost.

Another ordinance on Thursday's agenda seeks to amend the mobile home zoning ordinance to contain the provision that all land for which a mobile home zoning change is sought will be under one ownership and control.

'Council sponsor of the bill, Ray Azar, said the measure is aimed at helping the city enforce zoning laws. If the ownership and control are questionable, enforcement might become a problem, he stated.

Sewage billing is to be discussed Thursday night when a bill to change the payment period for new sewer

tap-ons to 10 years from 25 comes before the council.

Rezoning ordinances up for consideration are seeking; a real estate office at 1503 Ohio St.; medical offices in part of the 600 block of Beech Street; and a package liquor store at 5300 Dixie Bee Road.

A traffic ordinance up for consideration Thursday calls for installing "no turn on red" signs at 13th and Locust streets.

New measures expected to be introduced at the meeting call for appropriation of funds to help with the city's share of various improvement projects, including the proposed Conrail overpass, removal of some abandoned railroad tracks, widening of Maple Avenue from 19th Street to Fruitridge, and a new design for Lockport Road at Margaret Avenue.

### Requests

## City Council To Study Money By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer redesign of Lockport Road at Margaret Avenue and pavement marking on various city funding

#### By J. BLAINE AKERS, Star Staff Writer

Ordinances providing partial funding for railroad, street and bus utility capital improvement projects planned for 1981 are to be introduced at a meeting of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night.

Councilmen will not take action on the ordinances at the 7:30 p.m. session, but will consider eight other pieces of legislation including a bill prohibiting smoking on city buses.

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According to Mayor Pete Chalos, seven ordinances proposing to appropriate \$672,089 in cumulative capital improvement funds provide the "city's share" toward such projects as the Conrail overpass on U.S. 41, removal of abandoned railroad tracks near the Indiana State University campus, widening of Maple Avenue from 19th Street to Fruitridge Avenue, Avenue and pavement marking on various city

Also included in the appropriations is \$203,589 for the Terre Haute Mass Transit (MT) for operating assistance funding and the city's match for eight new buses, two rebuilt buses and bus shelters.

City Controller Tharon Geckeler said the city administration felt it should "obligate" the cumulative capital improvement funds now, although most projects won't be implemented until spring of next year or possibly

"We feel the state board of tax commissioners will tell us to use the capital inprovement funds for normal operating budget matters unless we obligate the funds for the projects we feel are of great importance in 1981," Mrs. Geckeler said.

Chalos said the city intends to carry out the capital improvement projects since most of funding.

"The money we hope the city council will appropriate is the match necessary to get federal and state money. The projects are important to the welfare of this community and we're very optimistic about 1981 unless the state legislature continues to mandate programs without providing funds to operate • them," Chalos said.

City Engineer Louis Glascock said a \$300,000 appropriation proposed is the city's five percent funding share of the \$6 million Conrail overpass. He said the \$300,000 includes the city's share for engineering, right-of-way and construction.

Although the city funds for the overpass will not be used until the spring of 1982, Glascock said it is important money be set aside for the badly needed project. Bid letting for the project is not expected until at least March, 1982, he said. Construction could begin as early as a month later with project completion planned for late summer 1983.

Glascock said the Chalos administration wants to begin engineering studies next year for Lockport Road and Maple Avenue projects. The city engineer said about \$87,000 is to be spent redesigning Lockport Road to avoid a railroad conflict at L&N tracks north of Margaret Avenue. He said he proposes Lockport Road curve west of the railroad tracks to intersect with Margaret Avenue. Lockport Road would not cross the railroad tracks and intersect with 19th Street, he said. The city would be responsible for funding \$20,000 toward the project.

An engineering study for widening Maple Avenue from 19th Street to Fruitridge Avenue might begin in 1981, but Glascock believes construction probably won't begin until 1983. Capital improvement funds of \$125,000 would be matched with community development

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block grant monies to pay for the project.

The city council is being asked to appropriate \$3,500 toward a \$35,000 project to remove abandoned Penn Central tracks on First, Second, Fourth and Fifth streets. Federal aid urban funds will pay for 90 percent of the project cost, Glascock said. The project is to be tied in with a similar plan to remove abandoned Penn Central rails on Lafayette Avenue at Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets. The Lafayette Avenue project is to be 100 percent federally funded, the city engineer explained.

City officials said \$20,000 from the cumulative capital improvement fund is being sought to be matched with more than \$100,000 in state funds for street marking. Glascock said a large part of the streets are to be marked with therm-plastic type material while markings on other streets will be painted. That project could begin next spring,

he said.



#### Smoking ban on buses:

#### Approval should be given

The Terre Haute City Council is to consider tonight

a measure to ban smoking on city buses.

The ordinance under consideration would prohibit smoking by drivers and passengers on city buses. The measure calls for a fine of up to \$300 for a violation of the law.

We endorse this measure. For several reasons

smoking should be prohibited on city buses.

Why? Smoke is very bothersome to some persons—not just as an inconvenience, but as a health hazard. In addition, permitting smoking on buses creates extra cleaning work and it could potentially by a safety hazard.

Smokers would only have to refrain from their habit for a few minutes during their bus ride. Common courtesy would dictate that smokers would not light up on a bus where cigarette or cigar smoke could bother other riders. However, not everyone recognizes this common courtesy — thus, this ordinance is needed.

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#### on buses

### ity Council approves smoking ban

By BRYAN TAYLOR DEC 1 2 1980 run behind schedule, he stated Tribune Staff Writer

A smoking ban on local buses received unanimous City Council approval Thursday night.

Not all ordinances coming before the council were successful in the legislative process. A bill aimed at updating the city's current handicapped parking ordinance was defeated 4-3.

Before the smoking ban becomes effective the measure must be signed by Mayor Pete Chalos. He has not voiced any opposition to the ban.

What the ordinance will do is prohibit smoking by drivers and passengers on city buses. It carries a fine of up to \$300.

Transit Utility Manager Jim Rosa said signs would be posted and if a person was seen smoking, he or she would be asked by the driver to stop.

If the smoker continued, a supervisor would be sent to handle the situation, Rosa said. That means the bus could

Only a few arrests would have to be made on violation of the ordinance and the smoking would be stopped, Councilman William Jarvis said. He said plainclothes police officers might even be put on a bus for enforcement.

Most people will put out their cigarettes if the drivers ask them to stop, Councilman Larry Kirchner stated.

Bus officials have supported the ban citing complaints received from passengers and the extra cleaning required because of the smoke and discarded cigarette butts.

In other business Thursday, the council voted against an amendment to the handicappped parking ordinance.

What the bill would have done is establish a \$25 fee for the initial year of a reserved handicapped parking space with a \$10 renewal fee. Currently no fee is charged and that money would have helped defray sign expenses.

Councilman Ray Azar, sponsor of the bill, said one estimate received for the marking signs was \$85.

City officials have reported no signs for reserved

handcicapped parking have been put up because no funding for them was designated. The law has been in effect for a year and the city has about 10 outstanding requests for the

Kirchner said he was not against the reserved spaces for handicapped persons but he thought no fee should be charged if it will not cover the complete cost of the signs.

Another council member, Norma Spork, said she thought the city should help out handicapped persons by not charging them for the reserved spaces.

In other business Thursday:

The council approved some money transfers to pay for painting and cleanup work being done in City Hall, Most of the work is already done. Councilman William Price questioned if it was standard procedure for the city to have work done prior to money being available for it. Mayor Pete Chalos answered no. Original estimates indicated the work would cost about \$3,500, but City Controller Tharon Geckeler reported the project now will cost about \$5,500 because of some additional areas to be painted.

An ordinance to rezone 1503 Ohio St. for a real estate

office was defeated 6-1.

Approval was given for "no turn on the red" signs at 13th and Locust streets.

•Council members approved an amendment to the mobile home zoning ordinance. The new requirement will stipulate that any land up for such rezoning be under one ownership.

Unanimous approval was given for rezoning property in the 600 block of Beech Street for medical offices.

·Members of the council passed a rezoning ordinance for a liquor store at 5300 Dixie Bee Road. The Area Plan Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation to that

·A change in the payoff period for sewer tap-on fees was approved. Now persons must pay the tap-on fee over a 10year period compared to a 25-year payment.